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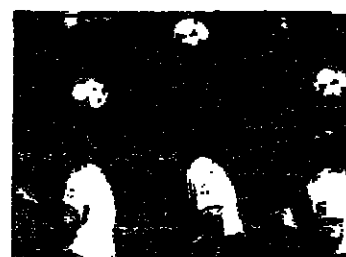
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Mordechai to meet Hussein today in Amman

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Amid reports that an Israeli decision on the second redeployment is close, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai flies to Jordan today for a meeting with King Hussein.

Hussein will host Mordechai at his palace in Amman. Mordechai is expected to discuss with Hussein the redeployment offer being made to the Palestinians. He will also raise the matter of terror and seek to enhance security cooperation between both countries.

Defense officials said the meeting between Mordechai and Hussein was made in coordination with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The meeting is expected to last a few hours and Mordechai will return later today.

Prior to setting out, Mordechai met over the weekend with a number of influential participants in the peace process.

On Friday, he held talks with US Ambassador Edward Walker and other American officials. The defense minister briefed Walker on his recent talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo, as well as the upcoming meeting with Hussein.

He next met with Shas spiritual leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef and former chief rabbi Mordechai Eliahu, both close acquaintances.

The official reason for the meeting was so Mordechai could invite them to the Brit of his son, whose name reportedly is Yovel, but defense officials said Mordechai also solicited their backing in the pullback decision. (Mordechai's son was born last Saturday, but the Brit will not be for another week due to medical reasons.)

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Local herdsmen try to salvage pieces of metal from the burned wreckage of an Eritrean jet shot down by Ethiopia as it was approaching a cement factory on the outskirts of Mekele yesterday. (Reuters)

Ethiopia stops airstrikes; foreigners flee Eritrea

By ALEXANDER LAST

ASMARA (Reuters). — Hundreds of foreigners were fleeing Eritrea by air last night after Ethiopia agreed to suspend air strikes in the worsening conflict between the Horn of Africa neighbors.

A German Airbus A-310 was first out with 210 Europeans on board, followed by a US Hercules carrying Americans as well as 21 Britons and eight Canadians to safety in Jordan, a Reuters correspondent at Asmara Airport said.

Evacuees boarded a second US Hercules as about 30 US Marines, armed with light weapons, deployed protectively

around it, he said. Italians, Russians and Chinese were among the calm but confused foreigners milling around the small airport.

Russian and UN aircraft waited on the tarmac, and a British Hercules was due later to rescue other foreign residents of the tiny Red Sea state, before the Ethiopian Air Force's suspension of bombing raids expired at 7 a.m. today.

Ethiopian MiG fighters have hit Asmara airport three times since the war over a barren border area erupted on Friday.

Eritrean President Isayas Afewerki said he held out little hope of peace, and in Ethiopia there were calls for revenge after

nearly 50 civilians were killed in a bombing raid on Friday by Eritrea's tiny air force.

Officials in Bonn said the German Air Force plane evacuated 210 foreigners, including 70-80 Germans, Dutch, Swiss, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian and Belgian citizens.

Italy announced that Ethiopia had agreed to stop its attacks on Asmara airport for 13 hours after talks with the American, British, German and Italian ambassadors in Addis Ababa.

As the US, the UN and the European Union all appealed for an immediate to the fighting, Eritrea sounded pessimistic.

"We are committed to a peaceful solution... [but] at the

moment I don't see light at the end of the tunnel," Afewerki told a news conference in Asmara yesterday.

He was speaking shortly after Eritrean gunners downed a third Ethiopian warplane on a bombing sortie over Asmara. The pilot was captured and paraded through the city. Ethiopia captured an Eritrean pilot near its northern town of Mekele yesterday after he ejected from his crippled aircraft.

Israeli embassy workers were evacuated from Eritrea Friday to Frankfurt, Germany. The group of four staff members and an Israeli businessman is expected to arrive here this morning.

US delegation to lobby against conversion bill

By HAIM SHAPIRO

A group of rabbis and lay leaders of the American Reform movement who had been planning to visit Israel to show their solidarity on the 50th anniversary of the state are now planning to lobby against passage of the conversion bill during their visit.

The group of 100 leaders of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has scheduled meetings with political leaders and is due to arrive tomorrow.

Shortly after arriving, it is to hold a Reform prayer service at the Western Wall plaza. Meirav Segev, spokeswoman for Israel's Reform movement, said the police had given permission for the ser-

vice to take place. According to Rabbi Einar Ramon, spokeswoman for Israel's Conservative movement, the enactment of the Neeman Committee's proposals as law would in effect be passage of the conversion bill.

Ramon said yesterday the government had succeeded in creating an aura of confusion among Diaspora Jewry, who thought the Neeman Committee had proposed a form of parity between the various streams of Judaism. It was up to the Israeli Conservative and Reform movements to disabuse them of this misapprehension, she said.

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Teachers on strike today

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Teachers from the Histadrut Teachers Union plan to strike today to protest changes in their pension plan and the firing of teachers.

The strike will affect the entire educational system, including nursery schools, kindergartens, elementary schools, junior and high schools, colleges, seminaries and adult education classes.

Special-education classes and matriculation exams will not be affected.

However, junior-high and high-school students will be facing an unusual day, since teachers in those schools who belong to the Histadrut Teachers Union will be striking, but the majority, who belong to the Secondary School Teachers Association, will not.

A spokeswoman for the Histadrut Teachers Union said last night that she advised such pupils to go to school, but said it was possible they would face a situation where certain classes would take place and others would not.

Union leader Avraham Ben-Shabbat said on Thursday the strike was in response to attempts by the government to change the nature of the teachers' pension plan.

It also protests the firing of hundreds of tenured teachers employed by the Education Ministry, the local authorities or the ORT or Amal schools.

He stressed that "unless the attempts to harm our pension rights are not stopped immediately and the dismissal letters are not rescinded, we will step up our

protest to protect the teachers and the educational system."

For now the strike will be just for one day, but the union spokeswoman said, "It depends on how the Treasury reacts. If we see they don't pay any attention, we'll step up the protest."

Education Ministry Director-General Benzion Delli blasted the teachers on Friday for their decision to strike today, calling it "unnecessary and badly timed. Even if there is something to the teachers' claims regarding their pensions, the teachers' leaders are severely damaging the teachers' image, which the Education Ministry is trying so hard to improve. Halting the sanctions against out-of-school activities on the one hand, but striking, on the other hand, doesn't show a very high degree of seriousness."

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The ministry cannot interfere in the relationship between patients and commercial insurance companies, Kelman said. The dental insurance market, he added, "is not big enough to interest the Treasury's insurance commission."

To our readers

The Jerusalem Post's printing press is undergoing an overhaul this week as part of a program to improve the quality of our printing. As a result, certain pages — such as today's Comics page — which normally appear in color will be printed in black and white.



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Dentists to cancel private insurance contracts

By JUDY SIEGEL

Hundreds of dental specialists said Friday they will cancel their contracts with private insurance companies because they "force them to perform unnecessary X-rays and to use inferior materials, as well as interfere in the dentists' professional judgment."

The decision was taken at an emergency meeting of the Israel Dental Association, which will be followed by additional meetings of non-specialist dentists with the aim of halting all arrangements between dentists and private insurance companies.

The IDA said it had sent letters to Health Minister Yehoshua Matza and the Treasury's insurance commissioner to "set down

the law," but nothing had been done.

Hundreds of thousands of people have private dental insurance policies through their works committees. The largest insurer is Shiloah, and its two main competitors are Dikla (which insures state workers) and Phoenix. These policies cover some procedures and allow the patient to pay "reduced fees" for others.

The IDA said fierce competition among the companies has lowered prices, thereby reducing the rates that dentists get for insured patients.

The IDA also said insurance companies require X-rays to be taken to prove that the claimed treatment was indeed carried out, even though they were not needed

for the benefit of the patient.

Dr. Moshe Kelman, head of the Health Ministry's dental health division, said patients "should refuse to undergo X-rays that their dentist says are not necessary for their health."

Kelman agreed there was "some interference by insurers in treatment and that the dentist may not be in complete control of treatment," but it "shouldn't be exaggerated."

In any case, while Kelman understands the public interest in organized insurance schemes, he said it was a mistake for the government not to include dental services — at least an annual checkup, cleaning and scaling of teeth — in the basket of health services. Even the commitment to include chil-

dren's dental checkups in the basket was not carried out, he said.

Public dental health would probably be better off if commercial dental insurance were unavailable, as "it is not in the real interest of the public and the dentists, because the companies take a cut in the money spent for dental care."

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PA rejects linking 2nd, 3rd pullbacks

By JAY BUSHINSKY, MARGOT DUKKEVITCH, and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Optimism about the prospects of an agreement on the depth of the IDF's next withdrawal from the West Bank was sustained yesterday, despite the Palestinian Authority's demand that the pullback must not include the third military redeployment required by the Oslo Accords.

At its weekly cabinet meeting on Friday in Gaza, the PA declared that the US proposal of a 13.1 percent second redeployment from the West Bank will not be accepted as an alternative to the complete withdrawal from all Palestinian land.

Chairman Yasser Arafat told the cabinet that the PA accepted the US proposal in principle in order to push the peace process forward. Rumors that Israel is considering combining the second redeploy-

ment with a third one, Arafat said, are wrong. "The Palestinian side will not abandon any of the redeployment phases because the only basis that will allow the peace process to succeed is the Israeli withdrawal from all occupied land," he said, adding, "there is no meaning in talking about peace and peace accords while the Israeli occupation remains on our land and construction continues in the settlements."

The Palestinian cabinet called on the US to announce its proposal as soon as possible. PA sources said they believe this will happen early this week.

Minister Saeb Erekat said that while the PA had accepted the US proposal, the third phase must include the entire withdrawal from the West Bank.

Other cabinet members called on the US to take a more active role, blaming Israel for the current deadlock in negotiations. A senior government source attributed the new signals from the PA — that an aggregate withdrawal of 15%, 2% of which would be counted as the third pullback — was unacceptable to political rivalry between Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), Ahmed Qurei (Abu Ala), and Erekat.

Containing that the package deal believed to have been worked out under American auspices must include the third redeployment, the government source said, "We must have a finite figure before the start of final status talks."

However, critics of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's allegedly secretive handling of the negotiating process say that he is allowing himself to be maneuvered into a position in which he will have no choice other than to give in to the PA demands.

According to this view, which emanates from within Netanyahu's coalition, the PA's objective is to "extort" as much territory as possible at this stage of the negotiations.

Its advocates predict that Netanyahu will not be able to present the crucial redeployment plan for approval by the cabinet or the Knesset this week. They point out that the subject is not included in the agenda of today's cabinet session and that the members of the security cabinet, which normally develops and refines policy, have not been asked to reconvene.

"The ministers still don't know anything," one of the critics said, implying that Netanyahu has been keeping the cabinet in the dark about the ongoing contacts with Palestinian and American interlocutors, including his own frequent telephone conversations with US peace envoy Dennis Ross.

There was one point of agreement between the senior government source and the cabinet's internal critics, however. It was implicit in the common allegation that the Palestinians are trying to get control of "70%" of the West Bank terrain in which the IDF still holds sway.

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NEWS

in brief

Plane takes aid to Afghanistan

An Israeli plane carrying aid to earthquake survivors in Afghanistan leaves this morning for Tajikistan. The 50 tons of aid, which includes medical supplies, food, tents and blankets, will be handed to UN representatives at the border between the two countries. MK Ruby Rivlin (Likud) will head the delegation and is being accompanied by deputy director-general of Department for International Aid and Cooperation, Chaim Dibon, the Foreign Ministry announced. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Iranian Jew executed

An Iranian Jew has been executed, apparently for having ties to Israel. The man, who was in his sixties and known for his efforts to help needy members of the Iranian Jewish community, was hanged in Tehran over the weekend. The man's brother said that he was sentenced to death solely for being a Jew. Since its 1979 revolution, Iran has executed 13 to 14 Jews; most of them received the death sentence for having connections to Israel. *Itim*

Seven injured in accident at Abu Dis building

A wall at the building the Palestinian Authority is constructing in Abu Dis collapsed yesterday afternoon, lightly injuring seven workers. Magen David Adom crews treated the injured at the scene, and then Red Crescent ambulances transferred them to Jerusalem's Mokassas Hospital. The building is reportedly the future home of the PLC, though the PA has denied this. *Itim*

Clinton renews MEPPA

US President Bill Clinton has renewed the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act, which governs US-Palestinian relations. MEPPA, which was enacted following the Oslo I Accord and must be renewed every six months, allows the US to waive prohibitions on dealings with the PLO. *Itim*

Nine stabbed in Haifa Bay area

Nine people were stabbed in the Haifa Bay area on Friday night in four separate incidents. Five youths were stabbed in a fight in Kiryat Yam. Two other youths suspected of being involved in the fight were arrested. Two minors were seriously wounded in a fight at Kiryat Ata Junction and were taken to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. A 45-year-old man was stabbed at the entrance to the Dixie night club. At Savina Junction, an argument between two drivers over who had the right of way led to the stabbing of a 25-year-old man. *Itim*

Pope names new envoy for Israel

Pope John Paul II yesterday named an Italian prelate to be his new envoy to Israel. Monsignor Piero Sambici, 50, who has been serving in Indonesia, will replace Monsignor Andrea Cordero di Montezemolo, who was named in March to be the Vatican's envoy to Italy. *AP*

Jews, Arabs clash in Jerusalem

Several dozen Jewish residents of Jerusalem's Neveh Yaakov neighborhood marched into nearby Beit Hanina last night and attacked Arab residents there. Police were summoned and escorted the residents back to Neveh Yaakov. No injuries were reported. The Neveh Yaakov residents complained that Beit Hanina residents had attacked girls and had stolen bicycles and money in the neighborhood. They also accused a Beit Hanina resident of raping a young Neveh Yaakov woman several weeks ago. *Itim*

Barak, Safra to receive HU doctorates

Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak will be among those receiving honorary doctorates from the Hebrew University at its annual convocation today. The event, opening the 61st meeting of the university's Board of Governors, will also include presentation of the award to Edmond Safra, founder and honorary chairman of the Republic of New York Corporation and Republic National Bank of New York, and chairman of Safra Republic Holdings, SA; Prof. Claude Cohen-Tannoudji of France, a Nobel Prize winner in physics last year; Prof. M.S. Swaminathan of India, a world renowned authority in environmental quality; philanthropist Vivien Duffield CBE of Britain, who heads the Clure Foundation; Prof. Dr. Hans Guth-Dreyfus of Switzerland, a leading figure in the financial world and leader of the Swiss Jewish community; Prof. Josef Tal of Israel, a founder of Israeli music and pioneer of electronic music; Ron Castan AM, QC of Australia, a lawyer and human rights activist who also heads the Australian Friends of Hebrew University; Manuel Sielecky of Argentina, an industrialist and president of the Argentine Friends of the Hebrew University; and Prof. Melford Spiro, a world renowned American anthropologist. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Final plan for capital expansion delayed

The final plan for annexing land west of Jerusalem was delayed until next week, following a meeting Friday morning among Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Finance Minister Yashov Neeman and Mayor Ehud Olmert. The three agreed that Moshe Leon, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, would meet with Treasury officials next week to formulate a proposal for economic aid to the capital. *Elli Wohlgelegen*

Rahat man killed in family feud

Ali Abu Havinan, 24, was fatally wounded in a family fight that broke out in Rahat yesterday evening. He was taken to a Magen David Adom station with body and head wounds apparently caused by a sharp instrument, and a doctor there pronounced him dead. Police detained four youths from the family, and large numbers of policemen were deployed in the town. Police said the background to the fight was an old feud between two factions in the same family. *Itim*

Man killed, 18 injured in Negev accidents

A man was killed and 18 others injured in three traffic accidents in the northern Negev on Friday. Salem al-Anami, 28, was driving his car to Dimona when he veered into the oncoming lane and collided with a truck. Anami was killed instantly, and a 10-year-old boy with him was seriously injured. The boy and truck driver were taken to Beersheba's Soroka Hospital, where the driver's injuries were described as light to moderate. Fourteen people sustained light injuries when a truck driver apparently ignored a road sign and did not give way to a commercial vehicle carrying 14 passengers on the Beersheba-Hebron Road. In Beersheba, two policemen were injured when a tractor ran a yield sign and crashed into their patrol car. *Itim*

LOUIS KESSLER

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Arrival of plane at 5:05 p.m.
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A bird's-eye view of redeployment

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

by MARCOF DUBOWITZ

Some 150 National Religious Party members took to the skies on Friday morning as part of an intensive public relations campaign organized by the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza to warn of the danger settlements will face if any further withdrawal takes place.

The council's associate director, Shlomo Filber, said a 13 to 15 percent redeployment would affect some 18 Jewish communities, noting that "a 15% withdrawal is the size of the area between Tel Aviv and Hadera."

"For the first time we are participating in a government about to decide on giving up parts of the land of our birthright," MK Nissim Slomiansky declared. "No other country in the world has had to face returning parts of its land to a foreign power."

The plane flew from West to East over Gush Dan. Filber noted the width between the sea and the Green Line, a distance of a mere

16 kilometers which comprises 3 or 4% of the entire Judea and Samaria region. The plane then turned South to North along a belt the width of 4 to 6 kilometers over the hills that oversee the coastal plain.

The area, stressed Filber, is of major importance as it supplies 30% of Israel's water. An area that has few Arab villages but is densely populated by Israelis. On one side, he said, are the communities of Etz Efraim, Nofim, Yakir, Ma'aleh Shomron, Kamei Shomron and Avnei Hefetz, and on the other side, Sha'arei Tikva, Slavit, Alpeh Menashe, Tsotim, as well as Kalkiya and Tulikam - home to some 100,000 Palestinians.

Turning east over the northern Samarian sector, the hilly range said Filber is mainly under the civil control of the Palestinians. He pointed to Highway 60, the lifeline that links communities in the northern Samarian region to

the central Samarian region and along the highway, the two settlements of Shanur and Homesh.

Under the second redeployment, these areas will come under Palestinian control, isolating communities and cutting them off from the northern sector of Samaria, Filber said. At this, some of the passengers responded: "This can't happen. We must not allow this to happen." Filber explained that other parts of Highway 60 in the southern sector will also be transferred to the Palestinians in the areas of Elon Moreh, Shilo, and Ofra and thus Israel will lose control of the hillside.

Filber pointed out the eastern sector, the hilly mountain range that controls the Jordan Valley region

and effectively serves as the eastern security zone. On one side of the plane, passengers were able to see the strategically-placed IDF posts and the other side the Jordan Valley, seeing the importance of maintaining control of the areas that defend any possible threat from the East. The communities on the hillside such as Elon Moreh, Braba, Yitzhar and Itamar comprise of a bloc of communities designated to develop and currently have a population of some 2,500 people.

Filber said the next redeployment will isolate the communities because the main road arteries to the region through the Tapuah Junction via Highway 60 are to come under Palestinian civilian control.

Returning, the plane flew over the Trans-Samarian Highway, one of four strategic corridors that link the coastal area to the hillside and the Jordan Valley. Filber stressed that in times of emergency, the highway transports IDF forces and military equipment and also con-

tains some of the largest Jewish communities, including Ariel - the second largest town in Judea and Samaria after Ma'aleh Adumim. The area also is perceived as the "heights" between the Nablus and Ramallah areas and prevents Palestinian contiguity and the establishment of a Palestinian state, Filber argued. Reports have it that after the slated withdrawal, the highway will become a narrow and dangerous corridor, he said.

The mood was quiet as the passengers disembarked and mulled over what they had seen. Some declared it was time to consider the future of the NRF, some suggested talking with the Labor Party and others suggested establishing a think tank to plan the party's strategy. "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thinks he can count on us," someone called out, and someone else answered: "What has he done for us until now? What we need is a strong alternative to Netanyahu!"

Soldier lightly wounded in zone

By DAVID RUDGE

An IDF soldier was lightly wounded in fighting in south Lebanon over the weekend.

The incident happened in the early hours of Friday morning when troops were on operational duties in the northeastern sector of the security zone.

The soldiers came under mortar fire, and one of them was hit by shrapnel and lightly hurt. He was treated in the field and later transferred by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

The incident sparked exchanges in the area, with the IDF and South Lebanese Army shelling suspected Hizbullah targets north of the zone.

In a separate incident late on Friday night, an explosive device was detonated alongside an IDF armored vehicle in the Beaufort Castle area. There were no casualties in that attack.

There were also long-range mortar attacks on IDF and SLA positions in various parts of the zone over the weekend. There were no casualties in those incidents, and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

President Ezer Weizman on Friday visited wounded IDF soldiers being treated in Rambam, including the Nahal Brigade soldier who suffered serious eye injuries in a roadside bomb blast in the western sector of the zone early on Thursday.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Hizbullah reiterated on Friday that a deal is imminent for an exchange in which the body of missing 3PO Itamar Ilyia, who was killed in the abortive naval commando raid in Lebanon last summer, would be returned to Israel.

News agency reports quoted the Hizbullah official as saying that only a minor issue remained, and if resolved an exchange could be carried out within a week.

According to Lebanese newspaper reports, more than 30 Lebanese prisoners, mainly those held in the El-Khiyam jail in the security zone, would be released and the bodies of 40 gunmen would be returned to Lebanon in exchange for Ilyia's body.

Hizbullah regional leader Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid and Mustafa Dirani, former head of the Hizbullah-allied Believers Resistance, who are both being held in Israel, are not expected to be part of the deal.

MORDECHAI

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The Amman visit comes on the heels of Mordechai's meeting with Mubarak in Cairo, where Mordechai said that the government needs to make a decision on the second redeployment now.

Mordechai last visited with Hussein on January 25. Then, the visit came a day after a surprise visit by Hussein to Egypt, where he met with Mubarak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

AP adds: Divisions stemming from the Gulf crisis are blocking a bid to



Protest marks 16 years since Lebanon War

Some 1,000 protesters attend a demonstration organized by the Movement for a Peaceful Departure from Lebanon and Four Mothers in front of the Tel Aviv Museum last night. Among those attending the protest, marking 16 years since the beginning of the Lebanon War, were 15 MKs and public figures. (Text: Itim; Photos: Ron Oshenky/vechametz.com)

CONVERSION

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"What we have to do now is convince our congregations abroad," she said.

Ramon said the conversion bill would make the chief rabbis the sole arbiters as to the validity of conversions to Judaism carried out in Israel.

The proposals outlined by the Neeman Committee include exactly the same provision, but they also made provisions for a joint conversion institute, with representatives of all the streams of Judaism on its board and teaching staff. Such an institute already is being organized in Beersheba.

However, Ramon said, the Neeman Committee had in addition specified that the Chief Rabbinate would act "in the spirit of Beit Hillel," adopting a liberal and lenient attitude toward the potential converts.

What actually happened, she said, was that Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lan and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron refused to meet with the Conservative and Reform representatives on the Neeman Committee, and the Chief Rabbinate Council passed a resolution in which it rejected a joint conversion institute.

The Chief Rabbinate Council said that every convert would be consid-

ered on his or her individual merits. Finance Minister Yashov Neeman, who headed the committee set up by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to find a solution to the problem of registering Reform and Conservative converts as Jews, has argued that by saying they would accept each convert on his or her merits, the Chief Rabbinate had in fact opened the door for accepting graduates of the conversion institutes.

The Reform and Conservative leadership in Israel are convinced the Chief Rabbinate would continue to have strict criteria, accepting as converts only those whom the Rabbinate was convinced would lead an Orthodox lifestyle after their conversion.

A report in *The Jerusalem Post* last week that over 200 Orthodox converts had not received their conversion certificates because Lau, who over two months ago became responsible for conversion, wanted to revise the conversion procedures, only served to increase the fears of the Reform and Conservative leadership in Israel.

Everything can be made into law, except the good will of the chief rabbis, Ramon said. There is no legal way to force the chief rabbis to act contrary to their interpretation of Halacha.

"They cannot be forced by law to accept anyone as a convert," Ramon said.

hold an Arab summit, Hussein said yesterday.

Arab governments have been unable to agree on a date, an agenda, and the participants for a summit on the stalled peace process, the king told some 150 journalists in Amman.

"The summit is hampered by some obstacles related to the period of 1990-91, which must be vanquished," Hussein said, referring to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, which divided Arabs into a pro-Iraqi camp and an anti-Iraqi one.

Arab diplomats say several Gulf Arab states are opposed to inviting Iraq to the summit. At the same time, Syria is opposed to the pres-

ence of Jordan and the Palestinians, as it condemns their separate peace treaties with Israel. Arafat has called for the summit to rally support for his position in the peace process.

The king said there were forces within Israeli society that were pushing the country toward "going back to the fortress and hiding behind its walls, giving the impression that this will ensure their safety and security. We have to resist this policy and this inclination."

He called on Netanyahu to implement the peace accords "to the spirit and the letter." Failure to do so "will have negative results," he warned.

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his rhetoric is prompted by an ongoing competition for power and status with Abbas and Qurei.

Meanwhile, Arafat's aide Dr. Ahmed Tibi, who appeared on Channel 1 on Friday night together with Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh, said the Palestinians have no intention of reconvening the Palestinian National Executive Council in order to amend the Covenant. Tibi said the council had done so two years ago and at the time had fully coordinated and received the approval of the Israeli government.

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"The final borders of the Palestinian entity will be determined in the final-status talks," the source said. Arguing in favor of the third pullback being included in the next redeployment, he said: "There will not be any more withdrawals until those borders are defined."

Referring to Erez's rejection of this stand, the source termed him "a spoiler" and charged that

In Channel 2 interview Pakistani minister denies Iran nuke ties

Pakistan's minister of information said Friday that his country is not cooperating with Iran on nuclear technology.

Israel has long feared Iran's growing weapons program and warned of ties between Iran and Pakistan after last month's nuclear testing by Pakistan and India.

"Pakistan has no cooperation with any other country on the nuclear issue or the missile issue," Mushahid Hussein said in an interview with Channel 2.

Israel has relations with India but not Pakistan, the first Muslim country to go nuclear. Channel 2, however, said that despite a lack of diplomatic relations, Pakistan was open to the station's request for an interview, which was conducted with the help of a Pakistani broadcast company.

Hussein tried to calm concerns in Israel that Pakistan might share its capabilities and technology with other Muslim states.

"It is the view of Pakistan that bombs do not have religions - it is

unfair, unjust and wrong to qualify Pakistan's nuclear program in religious terms," he said.

He said that Pakistan did not know the status of Iran's nuclear program.

"We have no idea about other countries' nuclear programs. We have no idea what other countries in the region are doing, not Iran, Iraq or Israel," he said.

He said the recent visit of Iran's foreign minister to Pakistan following the tests had been scheduled in advance.

"We hope that no other country would feel threatened by Pakistan's nuclear program," he said.

Asked to comment on reports in Israel earlier this week that Pakistan had feared an Israeli air strike hours before going ahead with its nuclear tests, Hussein replied: "We are not saying that. There have been reports in the Western press and Indian press on that count, but this is not Pakistan's official position." (AP)

Israel, US to assess missile defense efforts

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - The Knesset and Congress have announced that they are forming a 'bilateral body' to assess missile defense efforts.

The idea was initiated by Sen. Jon Kyl, an Arizona Republican, but includes members of both parties in both houses of Congress.

Uzi Landau and Ori Orr, the

chairman and ranking Labor member, respectively, of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, met here with Kyl on Thursday to discuss plans for the new body.

The group's first formal meeting will take place here in September, and a reciprocal visit will take place in Israel later in the year.

"The idea is: How can we solid-

ify progress toward support for national security issues," said Kyl's spokesman Vince Sollitto. "I think the senator felt the two congresses could contribute something toward working together. It makes sense. They're just getting off the ground now."

The legislators intend to "assess threats, prepare defenses against threats, and reflect input from both

sides," he added.

The two governments work closely on defense matters, specifically missile defense. Sollitto said the legislative body would not be redundant, but would "be a useful endeavor" that would supplement the relationship between the executive branches.

He denied that Congress is sending a message during a period

when US President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu are not on the best of terms.

"I would not say this is meant to send some subtle, between-the-lines message people may pose to it," he said.

The membership of the group is still to be decided, as is whether a budget is needed, he added.

Former Egyptian defense minister: Arab world doesn't need nuclear weapons

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - The Arab world does not need nuclear weapons to deter menacing neighbors like Israel or near-nuclear Iran, according to former Egyptian defense minister Field Marshal Abdelhalim Abu-Ghazala.

Writing in the Saudi-owned weekly *al-Wakeel*, to be published in London tomorrow, Abu-Ghazala assumes that Israel has nuclear weapons and the means of delivery, while Iran is working to achieve a similar goal.

He says the Arab world should

not count on US protection if Israel threatens to unleash its nuclear weapons, but he contends that nuclear weapons are not the sole means of deterrence against countries that lack strategic depth.

"There are other weapons that are highly deterrent," he writes. "I am not referring to other weapons of mass destruction, but rather to long-range, high-precision surface-to-surface missiles equipped with powerful warheads."

"It is sufficient to recall the panic which a few Scuds fired by Iraq

caused in Israel, even though the Scud is not a high-precision missile. "Missile technology is available and easy to acquire," he writes, "and so is the technology needed to increase the accuracy of missiles."

"The firing of such missiles in large numbers against specific targets would be effective, even frightening, especially when directed against countries that lack strategic depth and whose strategic facilities are concentrated in limited areas."

Abu-Ghazala warns that there can be no stability in the Middle

East as long as there is an imbalance of power between the Arab world and its "menacing neighbors," principally Israel and Iran. He says the question being asked following the recent nuclear tests in India and Pakistan is whether Israel will take advantage of those tests to declare itself a nuclear state, thus achieving deterrence through certainty rather than through ambiguity.

"The Middle East, the Arab nation, indeed the whole world, is certain that Israel has a formidable nuclear arsenal, including 100 kiloton bombs - five times the size

of that dropped on Hiroshima, known as the 'standard bomb.' "Moreover, Israel has refused to sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) or open up its nuclear installations to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)."

"I don't think Israel needs to declare itself a nuclear power because it won't gain anything from that," writes Abu-Ghazala. "On the contrary, going public might trigger calls for sanctions to be imposed on Israel as they have been imposed on India and Pakistan."

Porat, 'Mabat' editors meet today

By DAN ZENBERG

Israel Broadcasting Authority Chairman Uri Porat will meet today with the editors of *Mabat* to see whether they can resolve the work dispute over his dismissal of two editors without recourse to the Jerusalem District Labor Court, National Union of Journalists head Aryeh Avnery said.

Porat met for the second day in a row with Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel on Thursday to prepare the state's position following a suit filed by editors Natan Gutman and Elisha Spiegelman,

who Porat removed from their posts after he said they distorted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's behavior at the Betar Jerusalem victory celebration.

Last Sunday, the case went to court and the judge, Ronit Rosenfeld, urged the sides to find an out-of-court compromise. Porat agreed to suspend the dismissals for a week and to meet with Gutman and Spiegelman during that time to hear their side.

The dispute is over a *Mabat* news report on the Betar Jerusalem soccer club victory rally in Jerusalem. The report showed fans shouting "Death to the Arabs," as Netanyahu

smiled and waved to the crowd.

After a two-week investigation, Porat decided the two were responsible for doctoring the report to imply that Netanyahu had heard the chants.

On Wednesday, Rubinstein and Arbel watched a video film of the rally as broadcast live by Channel 33 and the film clip used in the Channel 1 news report.

After yesterday's meeting, which lasted almost three hours, the sides decided that Porat "will make up his mind and reach a decision in accordance with his prerogatives and after hearing the arguments of those involved."

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

Bibi's withdrawal

The weekend papers were filled with reports indicating a breakthrough in the second redeployment. Commentators responded to reports claiming that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu intends to reach an agreement with the Palestinians in the next couple of weeks.

"Netanyahu knows that the situation is ripe. The public is tired of the redeployment issue. The Right is exhausted. It is time," writes *Ma'ariv's* Ben Caspit, who claims that the premier has noticed that the more he maneuvers, the more he gets into trouble. Caspit adds that Netanyahu has chosen this time because he wants to pass the redeployment by the end of the Knesset's summer session, so as to enter the break by eliminating the opposition's ability to pass a no-confidence vote against him.

"Netanyahu's plan is known as the blitz plan. Fast, strong and elegant. Before a resistance is organized against him."

Yediot Aharonot's Bina Barzel states that increasing signs indicate that Netanyahu is preparing for an agreement, such as his moves to return MK David Levy to the coalition, weighing the

options of a national unity government in case some parties try to overthrow his government and his discussions with the National Religious Party's leadership.

"Actually, Netanyahu is already performing in a political crisis drill," Barzel says.

"It may very well be that one of the next few weeks will be marked as the first of the rest of Benjamin Netanyahu's political life," declares *Ha'aretz's* Gidon Samet. He argues that if Netanyahu presents an agreement, it will be a jumping board for the next election. Samet believes that Netanyahu will do everything in his power not to implement the withdrawal.

Ma'ariv's Ron Meiberg and Amnon Dankner claim that by now, the whole point of the redeployment has been blurred. "Unfortunately, now in all sorrow and waste, even if the Palestinians receive the percentages that they expect, it will not be enough in order to advance the main issue of reconciliation [between the Israelis and Palestinians]." They nonetheless, support the concession, believing that it could postpone another outburst of the intifada and open the prospect of new political reorganization.

Towards elections

"The results of the [election] campaign between [Histadrut Chairman] Amn Peretz and [Gesher MK] Meir Levy concern us like the results of campaign for the mayor of Nicosia," writes *Ma'ariv's* Hagai Segal, reflecting the opinions of most commentators about the dull campaign for choosing a new Histadrut chairman on Tuesday. He believes that the significance of the Histadrut was undermined when Labor MK Haim Ramon resigned as chairman, referring to this as "one of the most cynical moves in the history of modern Israeli politics." He adds that the Histadrut is a bankrupt body and is run by interested parties. "A member of the Histadrut needs this election like a hole in his pocket. Please stay home," he writes.

Dan Margalit in *Ha'aretz* says the elections have become a "national boredom." He agrees that it has no relevance to the current social scene. "In its weakness the Histadrut represents the strong. The contenders have nothing to offer except slogans."



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Members of the American Council of Young Political Leaders celebrate Israel's 50th anniversary at the Jewish National Fund's Kiryat Menahem tree-planting center in Jerusalem.

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Swiss banks may offer \$1 billion to settle Holocaust lawsuits

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - A settlement of claims against Swiss commercial banks seemed imminent at week's end as survivors' lawyers and representatives of Jewish organizations spent Friday in talks with Switzerland's three major banks.

However, there was no announcement at the end of Friday's day-long meeting at a midtown Manhattan hotel. Bank spokesmen said they were bound by a confidentiality agreement not to discuss details. They would not indicate when - or if - further talks were scheduled.

There were widely different settlement figures floating around. The three banks - Credit Suisse, Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corporation - were said to have offered \$1 billion. In Zurich, a bank spokesman denied a report in Friday's *New York Times* that the banks offered \$1.6 billion.

Meanwhile, the weekly newspaper *The Forward* reported that Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, said the banks will agree to a settlement of about \$3 billion.

The banks face three class-action lawsuits on charges of hoarding Jewish assets that had

been deposited in Switzerland for safe-keeping during the war. They face demands from the WJC and the World Jewish Restitution Organization for "moral and material restitution."

The settlement talks were held one day after the New York State Banking Department approved the plans to merge Union Bank and Swiss Bank Corporation, which each have branches in New York.

Swiss officials had complained that the state banking agency had dabbled with its review of the \$33 billion merger. They said that it had become a political tool of state Republicans - all running for

re-election this year - and that it was menacing the banks with irrelevant demands and excessive scrutiny to compel a settlement, sources said. The US Federal Reserve, the last regulatory authority whose approval is required for the merger, said it will consider the merger plans tomorrow. No obstacles were foreseen.

US Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat, who has been mediating the talks, said in March that the banks had agreed to establish a "rough-justice fund" that would be administered by an American federal court once a settlement is reached.

Germany to compensate Holocaust survivors

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe will begin receiving compensation from Germany next year, according to an agreement between Bonn and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against

Germany.

The payments, which will begin next year, will be retroactive to July 1, 1998, the Claims Conference said Friday in New York.

The survivors will receive DM 3,000 a year, or about half what the survivors in Israel and the West receive.

Under the terms of the agreement, Germany will provide DM 200 million, over four years, for the Eastern European Jewish survivors, who had been ineligible for compensation under the previous German reparations programs.

The Eastern Europeans will face

the same eligibility criteria as other survivors who applied for compensation after 1992. To qualify, survivors will have to prove that they spent at least six months in a concentration camp or 18 months in a ghetto or in hiding. It is not yet known how many would qualify.



Out of Africa

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UN to weigh authorizing military action in Kosovo

By EVELYN LEOPOLD

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) — Britain and the United States are considering asking the UN Security Council to authorize force against Yugoslavia for its attacks on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, diplomats said yesterday.

No resolution has been drafted but the two countries are contemplating a document next week that would authorize "all necessary measures" against Belgrade to prepare the legal groundwork for any NATO action.

A similar phrase was used in November 1990 when the United States succeeded in getting the 15-member body to approve its military action in the Gulf to expel Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

Russia, an ally of Yugoslavia and its President Slobodan Milosevic, has said it wanted any NATO operation in Kosovo to be authorized by the 15-member council where it exercises a veto. Moscow may well block any resolution authorizing force.

British Ambassador Sir John Weston, in answer to questions, would not comment on the resolution but said the council would be "actively seized of the subject in the next few days. Kosovo is very much in our minds," he added. "All of us in the United Nations need to consider the implications of current events in Kosovo because we cannot allow

President Milosevic to seek a military solution," he said.

British officials have said they would move ahead with European sanctions and press NATO to plan military action. The United States, according to the *New York Times*, has reversed course and is ready to impose new sanctions also.

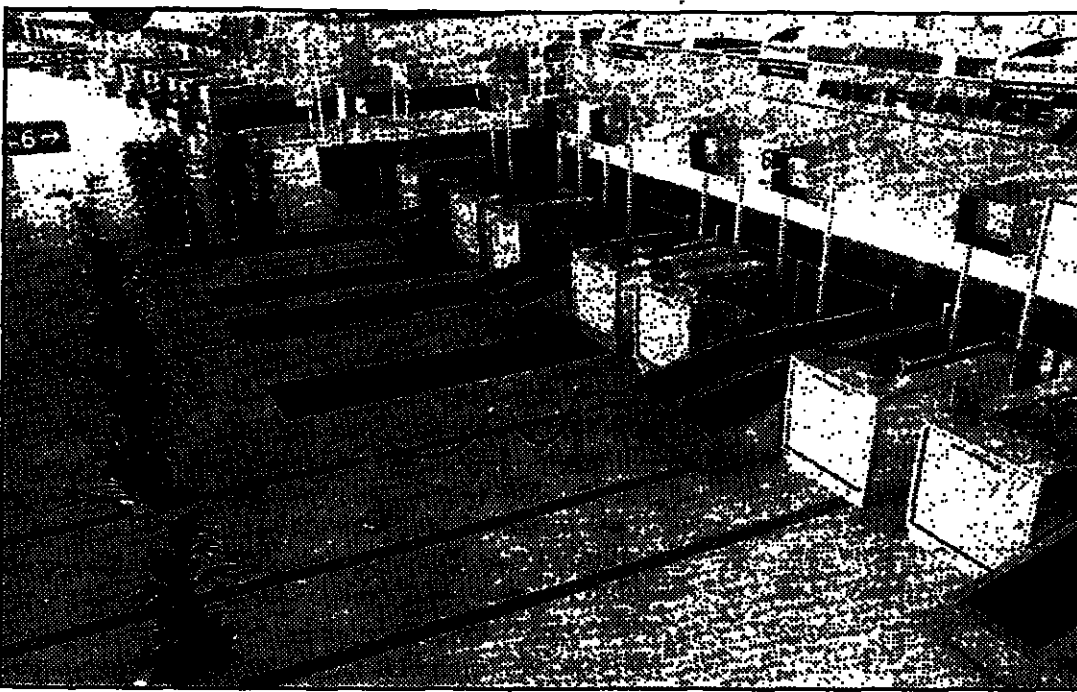
Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said that the United States, Russia, Britain, Germany, France and Italy — the so-called Contact Group on the Balkans — would meet Friday in London to discuss the mounting violence in Kosovo.

NATO defense ministers also meet next week in Brussels with Kosovo at the top of their agenda but US officials have said they do not expect a swift decision on military action.

Nevertheless the diplomats said Britain wanted to prepare the necessary international legal authorization for any NATO action.

Yugoslav forces yesterday killed two ethnic Albanians in a clash with an armed group crossing illegally into Serbia's Kosovo province from Macedonia, the army said.

The shooting was the latest incident in unrest that has swept Kosovo since February. More than 250 have been killed in an army crackdown on separatists that unleashed streams of refugees fleeing to Albania.



Overhead view of the empty Air France desk at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Roissy, north of Paris yesterday. (AP)

Air France strike enters sixth day; pilots ready to talk again

By DEBORAH SEWARD

PARIS (AP) — French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin yesterday said the government was prepared to intervene in the Air France strike, which is now in its sixth day and could tarnish the World Cup.

Air France President Jean-Cyril Spinetta said talks that lasted all night without reaching agreement had been "suspended." The pilots appeared divided, with the head of the main pilots' union indicating new talks could take place tomorrow and a spokesman saying they could go back to the table over the weekend.

The strike has embarrassed France ahead of the World Cup, which opens on Wednesday.

"It's not the World Cup that concerns me, it's the recovery underway of the company and its future," Jospin told reporters before a meeting of the national council of the Socialist Party.

Air France is currently restructuring and needs to make pay cuts to free up capital to modernize the company and its fleet of planes.

The World Cup will take place "normally," Jospin said.

"French people don't need to take a plane to attend the World Cup. Nor do Europeans, and we are going to find a lot of airline companies to transport the rest at the expense of Air France." Air France is the official World Cup carrier and is committed to transporting the teams from one venue

to another. Jospin said the French government was ready to intervene to help end the strike and would play a role "in the hours to come." There have been suggestions the government may name a mediator, but by early evening no proposals were forthcoming.

Talks between Air France management and the striking pilots broke off early yesterday morning after all night negotiations.

The stumbling blocks remained planned salary cuts and an Air France proposal to give pilots stock in exchange for the pay reductions, as well as a two-tier pay scale in which younger pilots earn less.

NEWS

in brief

Former Los Angeles mayor Sam Yorty dies

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — Sam Yorty, the flamboyant former mayor of Los Angeles and maverick Democrat known as "Saigon Sam" for his support of the Vietnam War, has died after a stroke, his doctor said. Yorty was a three-term mayor of Los Angeles from 1961 to 1973 and presided over a major period in the city's growth, during which its famous freeway system was expanded.

Clinton's plane disappears from radar

NEW YORK (Reuters) — President Clinton's plane disappeared briefly from air traffic control radar screens on Friday but there was never any danger to those on board Air Force One, aviation officials said. A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said there was an apparent malfunction of radar at the Gibbsboro facility in southern New Jersey.

11-year-old gets 10 years for sex assault

DALLAS (Reuters) — An 11-year-old boy who sexually assaulted a 3-year-old girl has been sentenced to 10 years in state custody after jurors were told the toddler remains so traumatized that she "spaces out" and cannot be consoled.

The boy had faced up to 40 years behind bars for the attack but a Dallas juvenile court jury instead gave him the 10-year sentence Friday. Attorneys said that he would serve the entire sentence at a youth detention center.

The boy showed no reaction as his sentence was read but his lawyer, Garry Cantrell, and his parents said it was fair.

17-year-old sentenced to life for matricide

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. (Reuters) — Mississippi Circuit Court Judge Samat Richardson sentenced Luke Woodham, 17, to life in prison after a 12-member jury found him guilty Friday of the Oct. 1, 1997, murder of his mother, 50-year-old Mary Woodham.

Woodham is scheduled to go on trial next week for the shootings at Pearl High School hours last October. Prosecutors say Woodham opened fire at the school after slaying his mother. He is scheduled to stand trial next week in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, for the shootings at Pearl High School hours after his mother died. Prosecutors say at Pearl High School, he killed his ex-girlfriend, Christina Menefee, 16, and Lydia Dew, 17. Seven other students were wounded. "I'm going to heaven now," Luke Woodham said as he was led from the courthouse in handcuffs Friday. "It's God's will. This is God's will. God bless you all."



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Security Council resolution on S. Asia nukes

By ROBERT H. REID

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Hoping to curb a dangerous arms race in South Asia, the UN Security Council yesterday voted unanimously to urge India and Pakistan to halt their nuclear weapons programs and to deny them status as nuclear states.

But members also warned the nuclear weapons states — the United States, Russia, China, France and Britain — that they have a responsibility to renew efforts to curb nuclear weapons, including those in their own arsenals.

The resolution, submitted by Japan, Costa Rica, Slovenia and Sweden, urged India and Pakistan to halt deployment of missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads and to sign nuclear arms control treaties.

It also asked India and Pakistan to exercise restraint and to find "mutually acceptable solutions" to the "root causes of those tensions, including Kashmir." The resolution also states that although India and Pakistan have exploded nuclear devices, they would not be accorded status as nuclear states.

Under the 1970 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, the five nuclear powers are the only nations allowed to maintain nuclear arsenals. India and Pakistan have refused to sign the treaty.

The resolution also welcomed an offer by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to encourage India and Pakistan to resume a high-level dialogue that broke down last year because of differences over Kashmir.

The resolution also "encourages" member states to prevent the

export of materials, equipment and technology "that could in any way assist programs in India or Pakistan for nuclear weapons." "Nuclear tests conducted by India and Pakistan in recent weeks represent a profound blow not only to the stability and security of their region but also to the international non-proliferation regime on which we all depend," US Ambassador Bill Richardson said.

Despite sanctions that Washington imposed on the two countries, Richardson said US policy is not to make India and Pakistan "pariah states" but to "engage and to convince them that it is in their own national security interests to do what the international community is urging them to do." Before the vote, India slammed the council action, saying it overstepped the council's authority. India also renewed accusations there was a double-standard that allows the five longstanding nuclear states — which are also permanent council members — to retain their arsenals.

In a letter to council President Antonio Monteiro, India's UN ambassador, Kamal Shah, said the resolution involved "sovereign decisions taken by member states, not matters in which the council has any role." Sharma asked whether the Security Council can "continue to ignore the overwhelming demand" of the rest of the world "for elimination of nuclear weapons" when the most important council members refuse to dismantle their own arsenals.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since 1947 — two of them over Kashmir, which is divided between them.

Literature critic Alfred Kazin dies

By MARILYN HENRY
and news agencies

Alfred Kazin, the preeminent critic of American literature who personified the New York intellectual, has died of cancer in Manhattan.

He died Thursday, on his 83rd birthday.

Born in Brooklyn to Yiddish-speaking, Russian immigrant parents, the prolific Kazin wrote three vivid memoirs — *A Walker in the City*, *Starting Out in the 30s* and *New York Jew* — that captured his boyhood, youth and world of the Jewish intellectuals.

A lifelong liberal, he once told a reporter that his parents instilled in him a "quaint old-fashioned socialism" and the "historic Jewish effort to realize the Kingdom of God in this world."

Among Kazin's most acclaimed works was the 1942 book *On Native Grounds*, his history of American literature and society

from the late-19th century to the beginning of World War II. He knew the likes of Saul Bellow, Lionel Trilling and Edmund Wilson. And he wrote at the acclaimed magazine *Partisan Review* along with Mary McCarthy and Delmore Schwartz. His reviews also appeared in the *New Yorker*, *Harper's*, *The New York Times* and several other publications.

His last book, *God and the American Writer*, which was published last year, looks at the impact of religious heritage on literature.

Kazin's literary career began in a moment of pique in 1934. En route to class at City College, he abruptly got off the subway at Times Square when he became enraged by a book review he was reading in *The New York Times*.

He marched into the *Times* to complain with arguments that were so impressive the reviewer wrote a note to *The New Republic* suggesting it hire Kazin.



Clambering over the rubble

A boy climbs over rubble in the mountain village of Dashtak on Friday. The village was the worst hit during the earthquake in northern Afghanistan, with more than one fifth of its 5,000 residents killed and 600 houses destroyed. (AP)

'New York Times' reports:

US scientist illegally helped China missile program

NEW YORK (Reuters) — The scientist at the center of a probe into whether American companies improperly helped China improve its rockets told the Chinese he would do everything he could to make their rockets the most reliable in the industry, the *New York Times* reported yesterday.

Scientist Wah Lim, a senior vice president and engineer at a unit of Loral Space and Communications, made the statement in a letter to China Aerospace Corp. in April 1996, two weeks before a Loral technical review was provided to the Chinese company without US government approval and against Loral policies, the newspaper said. Federal officials are investigat-

ing whether the review, an analysis of a Chinese rocket launch failure that destroyed a Loral satellite, violated US export control laws and damaged national security by giving the Chinese information that would enable them to improve their missile program.

The *Times* printed a text of the letter from Lim to Liu Jiyuan, chairman of China Aerospace, but did not say how it obtained the document.

"We at Space Systems/Loral would like China Great Wall to be a strong supplier of launch services and we will do everything in our power to help you," Lim wrote.

Lim, now an executive at Hughes Space and

Communications Co. in southern California, is a central figure in the Justice Department's criminal investigation into whether Loral and Hughes, whose scientists also worked on the review, illegally transmitted information to China that may have helped its missile program, the *Times* said.

The *Times* said a confidential letter from Loral's lawyers to the State Department in June 1996 acknowledged that the company should have asked the State Department to approve the review activities. But the letter said it was not clear there was any violation of law, because of the transfer of technical data to the Chinese.

The *Times* said the letter

acknowledged that the issue of whether illegal aid was given to the Chinese in the "testing, manufacture or repair" of the rocket "is more problematic."

Lim declined to be interviewed by the *Times*, but his lawyer, George Newhouse, was quoted by the newspaper as saying Lim was innocent of any wrongdoing.

The Justice Department is also investigating whether campaign donations influenced US President Bill Clinton's decision to allow satellite technology exports to China.

A Democratic fund-raiser has alleged that \$100,000 he gave to Democrats in 1996 was from China's People's Liberation Army.

Reno allows assisted-suicide law to proceed

By JAMES VICINI

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — US Attorney General Janet Reno has given a major boost to the nation's first doctor-assisted suicide law by deciding that physicians may provide lethal doses of medicine to terminally ill patients without losing their licenses to write prescriptions.

Reno on Friday overturned the position taken by the head of one of her own agencies, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), which had said that doctors who prescribe drugs under Oregon's assisted-suicide law could face severe sanctions.

Sen. Ron Wyden said Reno told him of her decision Friday that the Justice Department will not interfere with Oregon's physician-assisted suicide law, the first of its

kind in the US.

"Today's decision sends an important signal that the federal government has no business substituting its judgment for that of Oregon voters," said Wyden, a Democrat from Oregon who has denounced the DEA's position, even though he opposes assisted suicide.

Acting at the request of two Republican members of Congress, DEA Administrator Thomas Constantine in November said any physicians who wrote a prescription for suicide would be violating the federal Controlled Substances law and would risk losing their licenses to prescribe drugs.

After nearly seven months of review, Reno decided Constantine was wrong, a Justice Department official said.

While physicians are licensed by the states to practice medicine, the DEA registers doctors to prescribe drugs and the agency is responsible for enforcing that federal law.

Reno concluded that the federal law does not authorize the prosecution of a physician who complies with the Oregon law.

She said in a statement that such prosecutions "would be beyond the purpose" of the federal law, which provides criminal penalties for physicians who dispense controlled substances.

Despite the Justice Department's position in the Oregon case, Reno said Clinton still maintains his long-standing opposition to assisted suicide and any federal support for it.

The Oregon law was first adopted in 1994, but was put on hold

because of legal challenges. It went into effect in November last year after an initiative to repeal the law had been rejected by 60 percent of the state's voters.

The law specifies that physicians may use medications, but not lethal injections, to help a terminally ill patient commit suicide.

Two doctors must agree that the patient has no more than six months to live and is mentally competent.

So far, at least three known cases of physician-assisted suicide have occurred in Oregon. Reno's decision removes concerns that led one leading medical group in the state to urge doctors to wait until she made up her mind.

The US Supreme Court a year ago upheld state laws that banned doctor-assisted suicide, but left

open the question of whether states may adopt laws that allow the practice.

Supporters of doctor-assisted suicide hailed Reno's decision. "This ruling clearly supports our society's belief that decisions about health care should be made based on local community standards and enforced by local authorities, not the DEA or the federal government," said Barbara Coombs Lee of the group Compassion in Dying.

But in Congress, opponents of assisted suicide vowed to fight Reno's decision. "There will be a massive, bi-partisan effort in Congress to reinstate the DEA's position that Janet Reno has erroneously and radically overturned," Congressman Christopher Smith, a Republican from New Jersey, said.

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However, if you were as thrilled by Israel's recent Eurovision triumph as I was and you're waiting with bated breath for her next release, be warned: It may take a while. Dana and her handlers have said they'd rather lose a little Eurovision momentum than churn out an album with undue haste.

Along comes *Ha'osef* (The Collection) to save the day. This compilation of 17 of Dana's best-known tracks goes a long way toward proving that good PR and a gimmick can only open the door in entertainment. You need talent to walk through and succeed.

And Dana's got it. With a broad wink toward anyone who'd dare take anything too seriously, the singer brings a strong voice and a sense of show to the world of dance music, creating tracks which should get anyone but the most dour music fan on their feet - starting with the absolutely fun, if somewhat nonsensical, "Diva."

From there, *Ha'osef* winds through such marvels as "Chiquemilla," "100% Gevev" ("100% Man") and "Yeshnan Banot" ("There Are Girls") - a silly piece of accordion-backed fluff with a feminist twist. "There are girls... who like to be with any-



Dana International brings a strong voice and a sense of show to the world of dance music.

one! If they see a cute guy, they'll fly to Eilat... But I'm not like that, I'm not like that! If I'm not sure of someone, I won't go as far as the Yarkon."

Is it important, world-changing? No, but it is a lot of fun. And these days, indulging one's secret love of flamboyant dance music is even an act of national pride. All I have to say to Dana is: You go, girl!

WHEN they recorded *Ratz al Hakatzeh* (Running on the Edge), Rami Fortis and Shlomi Bracha brought years of musical experience and influence to the effort - Bracha primarily as a leading member of Mashina, and Fortis as, well, Fortis, in all his incarnations.

The expectations, therefore, ran high, and it's possible that that's not fair. If this were the first album of a couple of newcomers, I would probably give the duo four stars and a hearty pat on the back for bringing something fresh onto the scene.

But these are not newcomers, and there is something not quite great here, something of which I believe the two are capable.

First and foremost, the album simply doesn't keep the promise proffered in its very first track, the slamming "Lifanim" ("Sometimes"). Insistent drums and guitars provide the sorrowful lyrics with a hint of unfolding rage. "Somewhere between yesterday and the day before" there were

moments when we could breathe/ between hope and despair/ ... where did it disappear?"

A judicious mixing of computer effects and a more traditional rock sound provide an air of apocalypse, while Fortis's perfectly nuanced vocals mourn the corruption of hope.

And so when the rest of the disc comes off as merely good - and occasionally less - it's hard not to wonder what happened.

The answer may lie in all the ways in which *Ratz al Hakatzeh* sounds like a Fortis release and all the places in which Bracha is only just discernible.

It's as if Bracha spent so many years as part of a band that he now

hesitates to show off too much. In particular, I can't help but notice that the quality of the lyrics - credited to both men - often doesn't compare with the work Bracha did with his old mates in Mashina.

None of which means that you shouldn't slap down your money and take *Ratz al Hakatzeh* home. It's definitely good and will no doubt prove influential as our rock scene continues to develop.

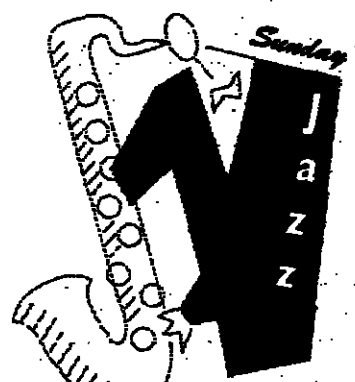
I was just hoping for more.

DID YOU KNOW?

Q: Who is the one former member of Mashina not credited with taking at least a small part in the production of *Ratz al Hakatzeh*?

A: Drummer Tzvi Dayan

Reflections on Rollins and Monk



By Barry Davis

Sonny Rollins is one of the true giants of jazz. If, as Eric Dolphy put it, jazz is "human music," then Rollins must be one of the discipline's most humane purveyors.

This is the man who, at two stages of his illustrious career, walked off center stage with his tenor saxophone to go busking on

windy New York train bridges and to convey the mysteries and subtleties of jazz to school kids because he felt that to play this particular form of music, one had to be in touch with the world.

In the early Fifties, Rollins was already be-bopping with the likes of Charlie Parker, Coleman

JAZZ PROFILE
Sonny Rollins
(NMC)

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Thelonious Monk
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Hawkins and Thelonious Monk, and even had the temerity to turn down repeated offers from Miles Davis to join the trumpeter's lineup, his place eventually being taken by John Coltrane.

By the middle of the decade he had begun recording for Blue Note as a band leader, producing and playing such masterly num-

bers as his own 1956 composition "Plain Jane" - the first track on the Rollins volume of the recently released Blue Note *Jazz Profile* series of CDs - taken from his first album for the label.

All the tracks on the CD provide the listener with prime examples of the sheer power and intensity of Rollins's playing and of the liberties he was able to take with harmony and structure by virtue of his ability to play freely outside the boundaries of rhythm.

The pace changes throughout the CD from the fast-running "You Stepped Out of a Dream" straight into the calmer, more measured waters of the Monk ballad "Reflections" - both taken from the same 1957 album.

Then it's off into the bluesy "Sonnymoon for Two," taken from the seminal *A Night at the Village Vanguard* album, superbly backed by Wilbur Ware and Elvin Jones on bass and drums, respectively - the first album to feature a pure horn, bass and drums format.

Miles Davis's "Four," from the same album, provides Rollins with the perfect vehicle for displaying his virtuosity as a solo player, while in "All Things Are You," Rollins displays all his mastery of beat, sometimes seeming to have strayed so far away from the original melody and rhythm that it is surprising that he manages to find his way back at all, such is the inherent freedom of the man and the musician.

The CD closes with Rollins's tribute to contemporary drummer Philly Joe Jones, his last recording for Blue Note before packing his sax and heading off for a two-year sabbatical amid the clatter of the trains rumbling over Williamsburg Bridge.

VOLUME 24 of the *Jazz Profile* series presents us with 15 Thelonious Monk tracks, including the much-celebrated "Round Midnight" (with alto sax genius Sahib Shihab in tow) and "Straight No Chaser," a definitively Monkish 1947 interpretation of

"April in Paris" and an unmistakably Art Blakey-influenced, less well-known "Off Minor."

For all his undoubted stature as one of the leaders of the be-bop movement, Monk's music always retained a strong tongue-in-cheek, fun side to it.

Most of the tracks are early recordings and have a freshness to them no longer present in later interpretations. "Round Midnight" in particular has a simplicity which became an increasingly rare commodity as jazz progressed and became more sophisticated. The version of "Straight No Chaser," too, is an example of Monk's clean playing and orchestration, which retains an enduring cleanliness of sound.

The CD offers the listener the full range of Monk sounds. From ballads to blues, slow-tempo numbers to rip-roaring cuts, bebop, swing, musical introspection and ephemerality.

But throughout, the accent is very much on entertainment.

IPO needs more creativity

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

There are two ways to look at the coming Israel Philharmonic Orchestra season which has been recently announced. On the one hand, this is a season no leading orchestra in the world would be ashamed of. On the other, it all seems like déjà vu with no real innovation or attempt at renewal on any level.

Conductors-wise, the list is very impressive. Aside from music director Zubin Mehta, there are Kurt Masur (IPO honorary guest conductor) and Antonio Pappano (IPO chief guest conductor), as well as Lorin Maazel, Christoph von Dohnany and a few others who could be the envy of orchestras in New York, Berlin, London and Tokyo.

Soloists like Itzhak Perlman, Yevgeni Kissin, Daniel Barenboim, Gil Shaham, and Yefim Bronfman are also the leading names in today's classical music world. And programs like the six Tchaikovsky symphonies, Mahler's first, fourth, fifth and seventh symphonies, the Mozart Requiem, the Rossini *Stabat Mater* and the operas *Eugene Onegin* and *Ariadne auf Naxos* are great ways to lure subscribers.

All this is fine, exciting and invigorating no doubt. But it does

not hide the fact that some of today's leading musicians are not playing regularly or even occasionally with the IPO.

What about Miti, Abbado, Haitink, Salonen and Gatti on the podium or Mutter, Kennedy, Argerich, Uchida, Kremer, Von Otter, Terfel and many other young up and coming musicians as soloists? And this is just a short list. Why can't we hear them here, too?

The fact that the IPO program for the coming season has some exciting offerings, including some of the most welcome concerts with orchestra members as soloists, does not disguise the fact that the IPO has subscription problems.

In Haifa, for example, the IPO will play 20 instead of 30 concerts next season - i.e., one entire Haifa series has been dropped.

And in a very bizarre move, the IPO has declared a so-called new series, actually giving one of the existing series a title, calling it The Classic Romantic Series.

Now can someone explain what the big deal is all about? The core of the IPO repertoire is, after all, Classic, Romantic music. A series of concerts comprising music by Mahler, Sibelius, Rossini, Schubert, Mozart, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Komgold, Verdi, Richard Strauss and even Martinu is neither innov-

ative nor genuine. It is just the same thing all over again without the occasional short mandatory Baroque and contemporary pieces the IPO very rarely plays anyway in its other series.

What the presentation of this new series does is underestimate the IPO's existing or potential audience. Or, if I'm wrong and it proves more successful than other series, maybe it shows that our audience is interested more in titles than in what they contain.

Bottom line, the IPO might have a great musical lineup for next season, but it has problems with hiring new subscribers.

It remains to be seen if Orchestra in Jeans or Different Classics concerts will pay dividends in eventual new regular subscribers joining the IPO ranks. Such concerts will continue to be part of the IPO season, which promises to open with a gala evening with renowned cellist Mstislav Rostropovich.

However, this is not the way to bring in new audiences. For this, the IPO will have to be much more innovative and creative - and the sooner the better.

IPO subscriptions prices vary from NIS 2,191 (11 concerts, best section in the house) to NIS 413 (six concerts in the cheapest category).

Too loud for comfort



ISRAEL FESTIVAL REVIEW

By URY EPPSTEIN

It was almost impossible to hear Greek singer Eleftheria Arvanitaki's presumably beautiful voice. A deafening amplifying system reduced her own, natural voice to that of a mere electronic loudspeaker voice.

This was a real pity because at those very rare, moments when she turned her own volume down, held the microphone at some distance and obtained some occasional bars

ELEFThERIA ARVANITAKI
Greek songs
Jerusalem International Convention Center
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of calm from the instrumental din, one could enjoy some endearing softness, radiant clarity, warm emotionality and natural charm.

Sadly lost was the precious quality of the enchanting, folk-inspired songs - their intimacy. Devised for the friendly atmosphere of a small club or cabaret, the personal touch of the human voice and the directness of approach were substituted by a trumpet-like vocal sonority.

Among the remarkably professional band members, the extraordinarily imaginative and gripping percussionist and drummer, Vangelis Karipis and Antonis Koulouris, deserve special mention.

TODAY AT THE FESTIVAL

Jerusalem Theater
Sherron - Maly Theater,
Brothers and Sisters 4 p.m. (6 hours duration)

Rebecca Crown - Enrico Pieranunzi, jazz pianist, 9 p.m.
Piaza - Mitras Puppet Theater, *Fur Being with Parents*, 6 p.m. (kids); Pyromania, five dancers, *The Landing*, 7:45 p.m.; piano, flute and cello trio, 9 p.m.
Foyer - Piano and violin duo, 7:30 p.m.; Minuet with Albert Beagar, jazz, midnight.

Noga Theater (Tel Aviv) - Plubolus dance, repertory evening 5 and 9 p.m.

NEWS

of the muse

Arad Festival salutes the jubilee

Arad around the Negev, which will tour nine Negev locations, symbolizes the jubilee approach in this year's Arad Festival, from July 14 to 16. The show will be free to the public and will present a sort of mini-Arad. As always, the Arad Festival celebrates Israeli song, but this year each singer and each combo will present his/her own particular salute to the genre. This year's budget is NIS 6 million, an increase of 25% over last year because of the jubilee, and attendance is expected to be from 80,000 to 100,000 young people.

The lineup of big names has not yet been finalized, but 800 performers are expected to participate, along with some 2,500 members of singing groups.

Those who have signed contracts include Boaz Sharabi, Ahinoam Nini, as well as Aviv Gefen, who will appear with his father, Yehonatan, on Masada. Gefen will also sing at the opening extravaganza, as will Zehava Ben.

This jubilee festival will expand to cover new venues outside the 10 existing in Arad, including Tel Aviv and the Dead Sea. Mindful of the 1995 Arad Festival at which three teenagers died during a stampede at the Mashina concert, security will be tight at the festival, with some 1,500 security personnel and police on duty. Helen Kaye

Karajan treasures unveiled

Leading disc company Deutsche Gramophon has dug deep into the Vienna Staatsoper vaults and found recordings of performances by Herbert von Karajan from his tenure as music director there between 1957-64.

Four of these recordings are now available on DG discs: Wagner's *Tannhauser*, Richard Strauss's *Die Frau ohne Schatten*, Monteverdi's *L'incoronazione di Poppea* and Pizzetti's *Murder in the Cathedral*.

The singers who participated in these performances are some of the greatest opera stars of all time, including Christa Ludwig, Walter Berry, Sena Jurinac, Gundula Janowitz, Gottlob Frick, Leonie Rysanek, Lucia Popp and Fritz Wunderlich.

DG has also released the legendary recording of the Karajan *Ring des Nibelungen* with the Berlin Philharmonic, available on 14 CDs. Michael Ajzenstadt

Edinburgh Festival alert

The Edinburgh International Festival takes place August 16 - September 5 and, as usual, is one of the most exciting festivals in the world.

This year there is a lot of Verdi opera (*Don Carlos*, *La Masnadieri*, *Giovanna d'Arco*, *Luiza Miller*), two Smetana operas (*Libuse and Dalibor*), a lot of theater and dance, and some of the world's leading orchestras, ensembles and musicians.

Among them are pianists Richard Goode, Andras Schiff, Alfred Brendel, Maria Joao Pires, singers Barbara Bonney, Mathias Goerne, Soile Isokoski, Bo Skovhus, Karita Mattila, Bryn Terfel, Lorraine Hunt, Susan Graham, and Claudio Abbado and the Berlin Philharmonic.

Tickets, which range from £4 (NIS 24) to £50 (NIS 300), are available by phone (44-131-473-2000) or fax (44-131-473 2003) Michael Ajzenstadt

Joffrey Ballet for Tel Aviv



The Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center will be hosting yet another top dance company when the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago comes for four performances starting June 27. The two programs comprise repertory works mainly created by Joffrey director Gerald Arpino, including *Light Rain*, *Touch Me* and *L'air d'esprit*. Named for its founder, dancer/choreographer Robert Joffrey, the company quickly achieved international recognition following its 1957 debut in Chicago, although the Joffrey was based in New York for over 30 years. Joffrey was one of the first to update the language of classical ballet and to enlist the talents of the then young choreographers. The company's repertoire of some 200 ballets contains works by Arpino, Joffrey, Alvin Ailey, Twyla Tharp, Jerome Robbins and Georges Balanchine. Helen Kaye

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War of the poor

Just a week after two of the poorest nations in Asia launched a new nuclear arms race, two of the poorest nations in Africa, Eritrea and Ethiopia, have gone to war. There seems little anyone can do about this latest conflict except provide urgent mediation.

It is not possible to assign blame to either side for starting the conflict—both seem to have aided the rapid escalation from border spats to aerial bombing with equal enthusiasm. However, it can be said that Eritrea has been showing unreasonable belligerence over border issues towards all its neighbors, including Sudan and the blameless little haven of Djibouti. A suspicion lingers in diplomatic circles that this aggressive posturing might have started as a bid to gain some attention, on an increasingly crowded and noisy world stage, for the cash-strapped young state.

As usual, national poverty little affects the military hardware of states such as Eritrea and Ethiopia—there always appears to be a plentiful supply of arms and ammunition for any violent adventure. Nonetheless, the outbreak of war seems as irrational as it is unexpected. It is true there has been a simmering border issue between the two states for some time, but they also have had otherwise friendly relations since Ethiopia accepted the breakaway of its former province of Eritrea to independence five years ago. In fact President Clinton only recently singled out Ethiopia and Eritrea as an example of new African attitudes carrying hopes for a new continental revival.

While the world's general public may have been taken by surprise when the conflict erupted this weekend, Washington has been keenly aware of the growing border tensions, and also acutely aware of the international failures in Rwanda and Zaire. Until this week, the border conflict had been no more than isolated skirmishes within the bleak couple of hundred square kilometers claimed by both states, but US officials appreciated the inherent danger. For the past month Susan Rice, of the State Department's Africa desk, has been back and forth from Addis Ababa to Asmara, heading the American attempt to halt yet another African brush-fire war.

She clearly had failed when Ethiopian jets appeared over Asmara on Friday, but the administration must this time be given credit for being aware of the problem and for trying to do something about it. In that continuing American effort lies the best hope for a speedy resolution.

While the conflict may appear to be a low-key affair in a remote region, the quick suggestion by Muammar Gaddafi that Libya lead a Saharan peace force to the rescue is enough to raise alarm bells. Gaddafi's regional meddling has been dormant for some time, since the days of his interference in Chad and other past conflicts. It would be better kept that way, so the sooner US and African mediators persuade the Ethiopians and Eritreans to get back to peaceful discussions, the better for all of central Africa.

The ethnic cleansers

President Slobodan Milosevic is nothing if not predictable. Ever since Belgrade withdrew Kosovo province's autonomy, the Serbian path to ethnically cleansing it of its Albanian population has been inexorable. It is now in full and murderous flood and once again Serbia's wretched war-criminal leadership appears to be getting away with it.

Americans, Europeans and NATO officials have been talking about "flash-point" and "powder-keg" Kosovo for months, and now that the fire of Serbian aggression is loose again, the talk continues. Meanwhile Albanians are being murdered, their villages destroyed, and a trickle of new Balkan refugees is turning to a flood. Britain's defense secretary said yesterday that West "will not allow the area to descend into chaos." The area already is in chaos and there appears precious little the West can do about it.

Unlike Bosnia, Kosovo remains part of Serbia and therefore is legally an internal problem. Milosevic knows this dilemma is a serious one for NATO and the Europeans—intervention in an internal conflict is a dangerous matter in international relations. Russia's brutal war in Chechnya proved it is a Pandora's box no one is ready to open in these unstable times of ethnic and separatist disputes.

Whatever the problems of intervention in Kosovo, it is absolutely essential that Europeans keep a close eye on Serbian actions there. No one should forget the massacres these savage troops carried out in Bosnia—under the noses of the United Nations—and for which their indicted leaders have still not been brought before the war crimes tribunal. Particularly worrying are signs that the Serbs may try to clear a cordon sanitaire along the border with Albania, closing off the Kosovo refugee escape route. Reports that women and children were driven out of Kosovo villages and the men shot follows a grim pattern of Serb atrocity familiar from Bosnia.

There is no excuse this time for Milosevic being allowed to wreak mass slaughter on the ethnic majority of Kosovo. The moral integrity of Europe is on the line again here. On the wrecked and burned out houses in the Kosovo villages, Serb troops have been painting large slogans saying "Serbia should stretch as far as Tokyo." It's a clear warning. The day is surely getting closer when the Europeans must decide that Milosevic's pariah state is a serious internal issue for the whole continent—an internal cancer that must be dealt with once and for all.



Sanctions rarely work

HENRY KISSINGER

US President Bill Clinton's initial reaction to the Indian nuclear tests was highly emotional: "To think that you have to manifest your greatness by behavior for the 20th century on the edge of the 21st century, when everybody else is trying to leave the nuclear age behind, is just wrong. And they clearly don't need it to maintain their security."

The president has been eloquent in his concern about the spread of nuclear weapons. But we destroy our case by employing hyperbole that cannot be translated into operational policy: by claiming a unique insight into the nature of greatness in the 21st century; by the dubious proposition that all other nations are trying to leave the nuclear world behind in the face of obvious efforts to the contrary by Iran, Iraq, and North Korea, and when the existing nuclear powers are maintaining large arsenals; by the completely unsupported proposition that countries with threatening nuclear neighbors do not need nuclear weapons to assure their security.

This emotional attitude leaves America better at defining its outrage than its direction, while congressionally mandated sanctions complicate adaptation to changing realities and deprive us of influence to reduce the emerging threat. And all this toward countries which are basically friends of the US and comprise the essential components of a 21st century international order—India globally, Pakistan regionally.

A reexamination of policy must begin with the realization that there was no immediate cause for the outbreak of nuclear competition on the subcontinent. India set off its first nuclear explosion in 1974. China tested its first nuclear weapon in 1964. In 1976, as secretary of state, I failed to dissuade Pakistan from its incipient nuclear program. The nuclear testing thus serves to remind us that, despite the mantra of globalization, there are geopolitical realities that overwhelm fashionable reveries about universality.

India and Pakistan are testing because, living as they do in a tough neighborhood, they will not risk their survival on exhortations coming from countries basing their own security on nuclear weapons. While Clinton has every reason to pursue the objectives he is seeking, the prime ministers of India and Pakistan are equally reasonable in pursuing their own nuclear objectives. Therefore, American policy should move from treating India and Pakistan as the problem to incorporating them into the solution as partners in a nonproliferation regime and in easing political tension in South Asia.

In order to pursue a non-proliferation policy, we need not exaggerate the prospect that the tests increase the danger of nuclear war. A nuclear war between India and China is no more probable than is nuclear war between any two of the existing nuclear powers. Neither is likely to risk nuclear war over the issues between them. The same considerations should apply as well between India and Pakistan—though the historic tensions over Kashmir and other issues raise the danger of war regardless of the type of weapon.

Nevertheless, the multiplication of nuclear-armed states makes restraint more elusive and the calculation of deterrence more complicated—especially if nuclear weapons spread into hands less and less able or willing to make rational calculations. As the number of nuclear weapon states increases, so does the risk that some individual nuclear weapons could find their way into the hands of terrorists.

Perhaps the greatest danger would arise if a nuclear weapons state possessing insufficient resources to sustain a nuclear arms race offered nuclear technology in return for financial assistance. Among the states that have tested nuclear weapons, Pakistan and Russia, because of their permanent financial crises, are the most susceptible to such illicit transfers.

THAT AMERICA should do its utmost to prevent nuclear proliferation is therefore self-evident. But our policy will be ineffective until our policymakers learn to differentiate among the various challenges and not pretend that they can devise

a universal policy applicable to all situations. Nations have at least three motives for building nuclear weapons programs: (a) The desire to be a world power based on the belief that a nation unable to defend itself against the full range of possible dangers cannot be a world power. Such a nation will both acquire nuclear weapons and strive for the capability to reach any potential adversary.

Anxious to preserve their special status, these states are least likely to engage in proliferation except, as in the case of Russia, due to a collapse of discipline. They are also least vulnerable to sanctions because they are tied into the world economy and because the other world powers value their cooperation on other subjects. India is in this category.

We need not exaggerate the prospect that India and Pakistan's tests increase the danger of nuclear war

(b) Nations that feel threatened by neighbors with larger populations or greater resources may see in nuclear weapons a means to pose unacceptable risks; or to create a deterrent against threats to their survival. This is especially the case if the powerful neighbor has nuclear weapons. Such states could be kept from developing nuclear weapons only by a credible guarantee from existing nuclear powers, which is unlikely to be extended and even less likely to be believed. Israel and Pakistan are in this category.

(c) Nations determined to wreck the balance of power in their region and seeing in nuclear weapons a means to intimidate their neighbors and to discourage outside intervention. Iraq and North Korea are in this category. It follows that there is far from a consensus "to leave the nuclear world behind." The countries that have renounced nuclear weapons are mostly in Latin America and Africa or in the Southern Pacific, out of reach of the major nuclear powers, with no significant conflict with them or with each other—at least no conflict of a magnitude justifying the expenditures for a nuclear program. But in the explosive regions of South and Northeast Asia and the Middle East and the Persian Gulf, the opposite trend prevails.

In these circumstances, Wilsonian universalism must give way to geopolitical analysis. The US must do what it can to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons technology.

But once proliferation has taken place, we must relate non-proliferation to other objectives and distinguish between countries whose activities represent no threat to American interests or to the peace of the world, and those which enter the nuclear weapons program to disturb the equilibrium; and between nations that will be prepared to join a non-proliferation regime and those that are either indifferent to or supportive of proliferation. In my opinion, India and Pakistan can be induced to meet all the positive criteria.

But the sanctions imposed by Congress against nations perceived to be developing a nuclear capability to prevent this differentiation. Having neither a terminal date nor flexibility, they require new legislation for their modification. These congressionally mandated sanctions are threatening to place American policy into a straitjacket.

Some 73 nations and over half the world's population are now subject to American sanctions. And the fewest of our allies are following our lead. Wilhelminian Germany at the turn of the century took pride in the slogan: "Viel Feind, viel Ehr" (many enemies, much honor). It wound up substantially isolated by its policy. We should find better models for our own policy.

SANCTIONS rarely work. But whatever chance they have of working depends on the ability to define an achievable objective. Failing that, they become a permanent aspect of the international scene and demon-

strate either the impotence of our policy or lead to the gradual weakening of the state against which the sanctions are being levied.

But neither India nor Pakistan can reverse what they have done; one can hardly "undo" a nuclear test series. And the systematic weakening of neither India nor Pakistan is in the American national interest. Thus, it is incumbent on the administration and Congress to define relevant objectives capable of being carried out. These must first and foremost seek to contain further nuclear proliferation. India and Pakistan should undertake not to spread either nuclear or missile technology. They should also demonstrate a plausible effort to ease tensions between them.

The argument that sanctions are needed to discourage other nations from developing nuclear programs ignores the fact that most of the rogue nations are already under sanctions and that other potential nuclear powers are sufficiently distant in the future to make it unlikely they would base their decision on our current sanctions policy.

A second objective should be a vigorous diplomacy on both political and arms control issues affecting the subcontinent, including protecting a second-strike capability and the prevention of accidents. But unless Congress modifies the law to allow for a progressive lifting of sanctions, we will maneuver ourselves into a posture of permanent hostility to Pakistan, a long-standing ally, and India, the best established democracy in the emerging world.

There are four conclusions for long-range American policy: (1) The US does not have the capacity to carry out such a policy alone. It requires the joint action of the other nuclear powers.

Britain has called a high-level meeting of the nuclear weapons states to review existing anti-proliferation policies. The agenda should be expanded to measures to ease political tension on the subcontinent. Germany and Japan should be invited to demonstrate that status can be achieved without nuclear weapons.

Such a policy requires differentiation between states that have a record of responsible international conduct and rogue states such as Iraq or North Korea. India and Pakistan should be given an opportunity to join the stronger non-proliferation regime in the context of lifting sanctions. With respect to the latter, strong measures, even unilateral American ones, should not be excluded.

(2) A bipartisan, executive-congressional review of American sanctions policy is essential. A congressional act is a blunt instrument. Passing it requires an agglomeration of constituencies; it can be changed only by assembling a similar consensus in reverse, often from different constituencies. Unless this anomaly is modified, American policy will defeat its own purposes.

(3) The nuclear explosions by India and Pakistan have knocked the last prop out from under the administration's doctrinaire opposition to ballistic missile defense. During the Cold War, it was possible to argue that mutual vulnerability guaranteed military restraint. But in a world of multiple nuclear power centers, that argument—which I always rejected—lacks any merit. It is reckless to stake the survival of a society on its vulnerability or on a societal realization—even against an accidental launch. National and theater missile defense must become a higher national priority.

(4) The national security strategy of the US is built around nuclear weapons. Yet the rhetoric of the administration stigmatizes them in such absolute terms as to come close to undermining our policy. The administration is right to resist nuclear proliferation, but it must not in the process disarm America psychologically.

Nuclear weapons cannot be abolished; no inspections system could account for them all. We have every duty to resist the acquisition of nuclear weapons by rogue nations and to guarantee our own security. However, American nuclear disarmament would be sure to be seen by hostile powers as further incentive for their nuclear efforts and as a strategic opportunity.

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Despite it all

DAVID WEINBERG

We Israelis live in a veritable whirlpool of contradictions, whose tides drive us into the unknown future, away from the familiar history, culture and mental life of Jewish generations past.

Consider the following contradictory vignettes. They demonstrate just how confused we are about our identity, yet suggest that Jewish heritage still pulls at our heartstrings.

• Synagogue complex: Tel Aviv University opens a synagogue on its campus, a move opposed by most of the university senate. Unmolested by the fact that the structure was designed with pluralism in mind and a hall devoted to Reform and other non-Orthodox worship, students demonstrate against its opening, demanding "academic freedom, not devotion to heaven" and "where's the mosque and the church?"

The magnificent new Torah scrolls may go dusty, for the synagogue is closed on Shabbat! Go figure.

• Sexual liberation: A Jewish family friend of fifty years sends us a fancy invitation to her daughter's wedding: "we invite you to share in the joy of the marriage uniting Amelia and Elizabeth." A lesbian "intermarriage," first one I've ever been invited to. (Not going.)

Two days later, the transsexual Dana International wins the Eurovision song festival, leading to an outpouring of homosexual pride. Ha'aretz devotes five full-color pages to happy gay and lesbian couples in bold embraces.

Meanwhile, the haredim threaten to block the festivities.

• Tzohar to tradition: At the oppo-

Our Jewish heritage is still pulling at our heartstrings

site end of the spectrum, traditional Jewish weddings are regaining popularity, the papers report, thanks to the efforts of Tzohar, a group of young Orthodox rabbis who have set out to retrace the relevance of marriage traditions in enlightened fashion.

• "Dangerous" dialogue: The hardcore anti-religious Left has come roaring back with a series of bitter attacks on the expanding dynamic of religious-secular dialogue.

"Dialogue means defeat (of the secular)" was one headline this week. "Studying together the 'Jewish Bookshelf' is a dangerous endeavor," assails Prof. Yehoshua Porat of the Hebrew University. It's part of the nefarious plan by halachic Jews to conquer "our" state, he warns.

As if the mere study of Judaism, no matter how open-minded (such as the ongoing talks between leading Bar-Ilan University intellectuals and artists, authors and leaders of the secular left wing) is an unforgivable concession to the religious, "their" texts, and their agenda.

• Return of the conversion wars: After a successful Shavuot morning prayer service at the Western Wall, protected by the police, the Conservative movement blows the Neuman Commission out of the water with an appeal to the Supreme Court on conversions.

Netanyahu's government responds by reintroducing the conversion bill, sugar-coated with Neuman's allegedly-rejected joint conversion college proposal.

Concurrently, Hagai Merom and Yossi Sarid ready to introduce legislation mandating the complete separation of religion from state.

And the Reform announce a mass fly-in to lobby and demonstrate.

• Abandoning fidelity: A leading Jewish monthly periodical, Moment, flaunts adultery as a legitimate Jewish lifestyle, in a front-cover story.

The article features Reconstructionist theologian Arthur Waskow who promotes polycentric marriage (where sexual relations are allowed within a circle of couples that love each other), and radical feminist Judith Plaskow who argues that sexuality in Judaism is part of our spiritual self, not beholden to any one partner. Monogamy, she argues, is an unacceptable form of "possession." (Thank you Moment for these pearls of immorality.)

• Spirituality returns: Spirituality and the study of religious texts are making a comeback in other intellectual circles. Meretz sponsors a "spiritual evening of study" on Shavuot eve. Writing in The New Yorker on Israel's fiftieth, David Grossman says that "Israel is the only place in which a Jewish person can live with the vital ingredients of all the generations of Jews that have preceded him...can implement the values and ideals that his culture has crystallized...and realize them in the creation of a new and modern reality...Living in Israel is, for me, still a spiritual adventure."

Indeed, modern Israel is an ideological maelstrom, changing in unexpected ways, on a truly spiritual adventure into unknown waters. And through all the noise and skirmishing, the Jewish soul, hungering for heritage, is pecking through.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EPILEPTIC SEIZURES

Sir, — Regarding your report "Hadera man kills wife" (May 15), you chose to emphasize that Barda "has been on medication for epilepsy." This can easily be interpreted to imply that epilepsy is somehow connected to this tragic murder.

This unfortunate and inaccurate implication only serves to increase the public's misconceptions regarding epilepsy. Although some epileptic seizures look frightening (some are hardly noticeable), they are neither life-threatening nor dangerous to others.

Directed, sustained violence is certainly not possible during any kind of seizure. It is important to note that while most people on anti-epilepsy drugs have slight or no seizures at all, even a person who is careless regarding his or her medication does not become a threat to others.

Over 50,000 adults and children have some form of seizure disorder—epilepsy—in Israel today. It is sad that those who can do so must go to great lengths to hide their problem due to unjustified discrimination by the general public. These people live in fear, suffering much more from the ongoing social stigma than from the passing seizures.

Comprehensive information and advice regarding epilepsy is available at the Israel Epilepsy Association (EYAL), tel/fax: 02-500-0283, PO Box 1598, Jerusalem.

AYELET KURGAN,
Director, EYAL
Jerusalem.

BEBUILDING MATHEMATICS

Sir, — In her letter "Flag flying" (May 26), Dr. Jeanette Dershowitz attempts to show that those cars whose owners associate with the Labor Party or with Dor Shalom almost never fly the Israeli flag. I assume that is meant to show that people on the Left of the political map are less patriotic than those on the Right.

As a former math teacher, I found the so-called "mathematics" displayed in Dr. Dershowitz's letter to be totally unfounded and — to be charitable — most bewildering.

Dr. Dershowitz makes the following statements:

a) There was "a sample" of well over a thousand cars seen in Gush Dan.

b) "Only nine of those bearing stickers identifying them with Labor flew the national flag."

c) Of those displaying the Dor Shalom sticker, "only four saw fit to fly our blue and white banner."

Now, while the esteemed doctor surveyed a thousand cars, she leaves out the most important factor of all: nine cars identified as a belonging to Labor supporters flew the flag. But how many cars carried Labor stickers?

If only 10 bore Labor stickers, that would mean 90% displayed the flag! Similarly, how many Dor Shalom cars were there? Five? Fifty? Five hundred? What possible significance is there to "four cars" displaying the flag?

By the way, does Dr. Dershowitz have any empirical evidence that flying or not flying a flag has been shown to have the slightest correlation to one's patriotism?

If so, I would like to see such evidence. And we are to assume that a person's patriotism is measured by the size of the flag he or she displays? This is another worthwhile study topic which I believed should be followed up on.

Dr. Dershowitz's letter was clearly meant as a tool to divide us further and to sow even greater dissent and hatred among us.

What a pity that letters such as this are even published.

SHMUEL HIMELSTEIN
Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On June 7, 1933, The Palestine Post concluded a series of articles by Kurt Kramarski on Jerusalem's acute water shortage. The articles severely criticized the Palestine government for failing to find new water sources and demanded more autonomy for the Municipality.

50 years ago: On June 7, 1948,

The Palestine Post reported that, owing to the failure of electric power, the newspaper appeared in stencil form for the third time in its history.

Jerusalem was subjected to its 23rd day of heavy shelling. The weekly rations were 100 grams of matza meal and lentils, 80 grams of biscuits and 50 grams of mar-

garine. Milk powder for children under 12 was 100 grams.

25 years ago: On June 7, 1973, The Jerusalem Post reported that prime minister Golda Meir welcomed the German chancellor Willy Brandt to Israel as a great admirer of his personal record and quality of statesmanship.

Alexander Zvielli



Artemisia Gentileschi: Presumed self-portrait (£100,000-£150,000 at Sotheby's London)

The rape of Artemisia

AT THE AUCTIONS

Art history has not recorded many noted female painters prior to the 19th century. Possibly the most famous is the Baroque painter Artemisia Gentileschi (1593-1652/3), daughter of the famous Orazio Gentileschi who painted a number of notable religious scenes and a number of brilliant portraits of nobles.

His beautiful and intelligent daughter Artemisia also made a successful career in a male-dominated profession, despite lack of support from her husband and the notoriety surrounding her when, at the age of 18, she was tortured during a public trial in an attempt to determine if she really had been raped by her perspective teacher, the landscape painter, Agostino Tassi, in Rome in 1611.

Tassi had been hired by Orazio to tutor Artemisia. He made her an offer of marriage; Artemisia turned him down. When she later married, she kept her own name. Like her father before her, Artemisia worked briefly, by invitation, in Britain.

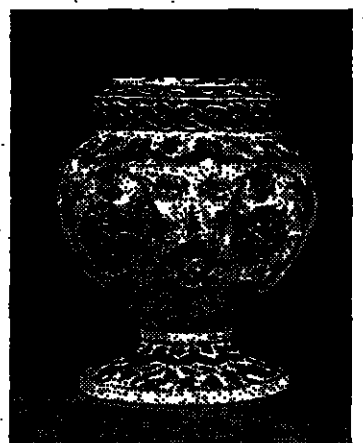
Thanks to Mary Garrard, Germaine Greer and a host of other subsequent feminist writers, Artemisia has been installed in a female pantheon of the great,

praised for her courage and independence as well as for her formidable talent.

Feminists and art historians alike are currently up in arms over a new film about her that suggests that Tassi may not have been entirely to blame, and they claim the film has raped her artistic reputation.

Roger Ward Bissell, who is including fewer than 60 paintings in his catalogue raisonné of Gentileschi, has reportedly described the film as "almost perverse."

All this has been made further poignant by the appearance of an



An Izmir tulip vase, Ottoman Turkey, circa 1580 (£8,000-£10,000 at Christie's London)

alleged self-portrait, previously unknown and unrecorded as a Gentileschi, at Sotheby's forthcoming sale of Old Master paintings in London on July 9. Bissell, it is said, believes the painting is by Artemisia and is certain that she is the subject. Other historians are less certain; they say many of Artemisia's female subjects may have some reference to herself without being true self-portraits.

The roughly 80cm x 68cm canvas, depicting the lady holding a large, hairy animal's head, has an estimated value of £100,000-£150,000. Whether it sells well or not will depend upon confidence in Bissell's attribution.

A NUMBER of notable 19th and 20th century sculptures will be offered at forthcoming Christie's sales of 19th century, Impressionist and 20th Century Art in London. A marble version of Rodin's *Eve* will be offered on June 24 (£500,000-£700,000), while Henry Moore's famous bronze *Seated Woman on Steps*, akin to the one at the Givat Ram campus, will be sold July 1 (£350,000-£450,000). Germaine Richier's menacing black bronze *Walking Man* (£80,000-£120,000) and Barbara Hepworth's abstract elmwood *Surian* (£120,000-£160,000) will also be sold July 1.

Kees van Dongen (1877-1968) went out of fashion after the



Kees van Dongen: *Young Girl in a Hat*, oils, 1908-10 (£400,000-£600,000 at Sotheby's London)



Germaine Richier: *Walking Man*, bronze (£80,000-£120,000 at Christie's London)

last world war, his pale, large-eyed women in near-primary colors thought too demi-mondaine and his canvases too large. Lately, he looks more and more with it, and prices of his oils have risen accordingly. At Sotheby's London on June 30 is his arresting *Young Girl in a Hat*, only 55cm x 46cm, but with a healthy estimate of £400,000-£600,000.

Also on sale is an interesting Ganguin watercolor/gouache of a cowgirl in a Breton landscape with two of her charges (£500,000-£700,000), a hefty price for a work on paper but one of real historical and artistic value.

RATHER UNEXPECTEDLY, Van

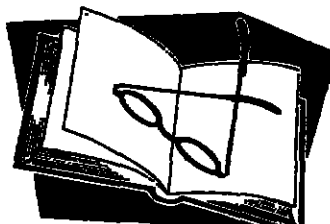
Dongen turns up at Christie's London June 18 sale of Ottomans and Orientalists - over 230 lots of romantic, mostly semi-erotic paintings and superb Islamic ceramics. The Van Dongen is a jokey oil of several fashionable ladies seeing the Pyramids on camelback, with hubby mounted fittingly on a donkey. It's almost a caricature. Painted around 1928, this oil has an estimate of £120,000-£180,000.

The harem ladies, topless "odalisques," slave market girls, and assorted nymphs in this show are painted by Frenchmen, Italians, Austrians and Germans.

Britain is represented chiefly with horses. Hal

A fine feminist line

Book Review



By James Endrst

We Are Our Mothers' Daughters by Cokie Roberts (William Morrow & Company, \$19.95)

Cokie Roberts is in familiar but tricky territory. She is walking what some would consider a fine feminist line. But she must be walking it well, because her just-published book *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters* - a personal as well as political look at American women, their roles and their connections to one another - is already a bestseller.

Roberts, chief congressional analyst for ABC News and co-anchor of *This Week With Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts*, is busy playing mother on a recent afternoon in her office, affectionately taking calls from her two grown children, gently reminding one of them of an impending family anniversary.

The daughter of former Congresswoman Lindsey Bogg, Roberts sees *We Are Our*

though perhaps they weren't seeking or getting as much credit for it as they do now.

"Part of what I was trying to get at," Roberts said, "was to say 'Come on guys - girls - our mothers, by which I mean all of our mothers, our foremothers, were pretty terrific people, and they did remarkable things, and you are not the first generation of people to ever have to do this balancing act and all of that.'

"Women have done this since Eve. Let's have a little bit of respect, and also learn a little something from them."

That, of course, hasn't always been the case, says Roberts. "One of the lovely things," she says about early reaction to her book, "has been the number of mothers and daughters who have come together to book signings or whatever, and the number of people who have said to me, 'Write this to my mom, she's the best person on earth.'"

"Attitudes are changing," says Roberts. "Some of the upset between generations seems to be dissipating. I think two things have happened. The younger women do fine with their mothers - my kids' generation. But now the boomers have gotten old enough in many cases that they've come around... they and their mothers have reached some sort of period of getting to know each other on a much friendlier basis than maybe was true 10 or 20 years ago."

As she writes about her gener-

Women have been 'having it all' for a long time, Roberts says, though perhaps they weren't seeking or getting as much credit for it as they do now

Mothers' Daughters as a celebration, one that began some years back when her sister, Barbara, died of cancer. It is a compact and often intimate expression of admiration and love, not a manifesto.

Roberts is not a feminist revolutionary. Those women, she says, proclaimed: "We're going to change the world; we're going to do it right here in your face; we want credit for it, and we want credit in our own names, thank you very much."

Though her personal and professional history is very much associated with the political world (her mother filled the seat of Roberts' father, Hale Boggs, after the plane he was in disappeared over Alaska), Roberts says, "I don't really see the world in political terms."

She is frequently asked by young women on college campuses about what many would consider as "having it all": motherhood, a successful career, a marriage that has survived more than 30 years.

"They don't care what the politics of it are," Roberts said. "They want to know the practicalities. 'How do you do it? What's the secret?' And the answer is: There is no secret. Women have always done it."

That's what much of *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters* is about, with its brief, essay-oriented chapters, female profiles in courage with titles such as "Sister," "Aunt," "First-Class Mechanic," "Friend," "Civil Rights Activist," "Wife" and "Mother/Daughter."

Women have been having it all for a long time, Roberts says,

ation, women in their 50s. "There's a lot of reassessment going on, and a lot of rewriting of history. There's also a lot of foolish rehashing of old debates, as privileged women who have the choice of whether to earn a paycheck engage in finger-pointing at women who make different choices. I must admit this often vituperative argument makes me nuts."

"It's not men who are doing this to women, it's women who are doing it to each other, trying to validate the decision they make by denigrating the decisions of others."

And what about the differences between men and women? "Our approaches tend to be different, and I think they always will be," says Roberts, who writes a weekly syndicated column with her husband, Steven Roberts. "I think that's fine. I would not desire to turn men into women. I like guys."

But *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters*, in topic and sentiment, clearly favors women. "Women do tend to be more collegial and less competitive," Roberts concludes. "And they do tend to depend on each other more, rather than battling each other more. And we are never - I know this is dangerous territory - going to be able to work without worrying about something else that's going on in our lives."

"And I don't care whether we're mothers or not. There's something we're going to be worrying about, that we need to be taking care of, that is always going to be there."

(The Hartford Courant)

The orangutan: Victim of human indifference

Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

The orangutan, rarest of the great anthropoid apes, has been in danger of extinction for several decades. But the recent fires that have swept through Indonesia place their very existence on the line.

For the orangutan - a Malayan word meaning "forest-man" - the jungle areas of Indonesia are a principal habitat, one that is rapidly being destroyed.

Up until the early part of this year, it was estimated that between one-third and half of the remaining, ever-dwindling population of this rare ape had lost their habitat, and with it their sole means of sustenance.

A number of other factors have helped bring orangutan populations to their present state of decimation, the main one being illegal trapping of infant orangutans. In almost every case, catching a baby involves killing the mother.

Since females reach sexual maturity and breed only at somewhere between 10 and 12 years of age, producing just one infant at approximately two to two-and-a-half year intervals, the loss of a fertile female is obviously a dread-

ful loss to the ape population as a whole.

ORANGUTANS were first trapped for zoos and circuses. Then they became popular household pets, especially in Asia, and most specifically among the wealthy Taiwanese.

But while a baby orangutan is a delight and makes a lovely pet, that only applies for the first five or six years of its life. After that orangutans become quite unmanageable, and so many owners no longer wanted them. They were most often abandoned at animal shelters.

Some efforts were made to rehabilitate the apes and return them to the wild, but very few were actually suited for it. Many carried human disease viruses, such as hepatitis B and other deadly strains that could have wiped out entire wild populations, and some were also infected with tuberculosis.

A few of the apes were placed in zoos, but again, zoos weren't interested in animals carrying diseases that could infect humans. In the end, most of the abandoned animals were destroyed.

In the meantime, however, and to its credit, Taiwan has put an end to this obnoxious trade, and people no longer demand baby orangutans as pets.

But the scourge of fire poses an even more serious threat to the orangutan, and wildlife experts are uncertain about how to deal with it.

While a serious rescue effort might be possible, the question remains: What do you do with the orangutans once you have caught



The recent fires in Indonesia have put the orangutan, already an endangered species, on the brink of extinction.

them? The surviving habitats are too small to accommodate more than the few specimens that currently live there, and no new areas appear to be available.

One suggestion has been to provide food from an outside source until the land recovers somewhat, but experts will tell you that a habitat is more than just food and water. The lack of leafy trees, of

shelter from monsoon rains and other factors cannot be duplicated. For the present, it seems, the orangutans of Indonesia look like being just one more casualty of human indifference to wildlife.

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The multiple faces of intelligence

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Want to know how intelligent a person is? You inquire about his or her IQ... don't you? Well, no.

Far from being an easy and reliable measure, like a shoe size, the IQ can paint a distorted picture.

The Intelligence Quotient test was born about a century ago, when French educators asked psychologist Alfred Binet to devise a test to analyze a child's intelligence. Binet's test (now known as the Stanford-Binet test) was originally used to pinpoint a pupil's intellectual shortcomings, serving as a guide for the appropriate tutoring.

But it quickly caught on in the US as a way to rank students as more intellectually capable or less intellectually capable in elementary and high schools. In fact, the test grew so popular as a means of sorting out pupils that it became the basis of psychometric or scholastic aptitude tests and a predictor of future achievement in deciding who would be accepted by a university or for a job.

Prof. Howard Gardner, an expert in education and developmental psychology at Harvard University and neurology at the Boston University School of Medicine, has spent years fighting this fossilized practice, attempting to replace it with the concept of "multiple intelligences."

In a recent interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Gardner, 54, noted that traditional IQs are straitjackets.

With an average score of 100, he pointed out, a student who scored 131, for example, would be placed in a gifted program, while another who scored 81 could be placed in special education.

Was it fair, he went on, to regard a pupil with a 131 grade on an IQ test as gifted, and not another who received only 128?

Our understanding of intelligence assumes that our ability to learn and do things comes out of a uniform cognitive capacity. But a growing number of parents, teachers and researchers have begun to agree with Gardner that IQ tests merely show that a child is or is not good at standardized tests.

"Students should not be judged by what they cannot do, but by what they can do," Gardner insisted. "Education should focus on bringing out the individual's potential."

Until recently, this view was considered utopian and unrealistic, but Gardner's theories on learning and intelligence are finally pushing educators and policymakers to reconsider the pedagogical methods of the 20th century.

Gardner introduced the theory of multiple intelligences in his 1983 book *Frames of Mind*. He originally identified seven such "intelligences": musical, bodily-kinesthetic, logical-mathematical, linguistic, spatial, interpersonal and intrapersonal.

He recently added an eighth intelligence to the list – the naturalist intelligence – and is also considering a ninth, called existential intelligence. Each of these intelligences works independently: One can excel in one, or several, while lacking natural ability in the others.

As an example of musical intelligence, Gardner gave the example of violinist Yehudi Menuhin, who, at age three, was smuggled by his parents into concerts of the San Francisco Orchestra. The toddler was so fascinated that he demanded both a violin and that the violinist whom he had heard perform be hired as his teacher.

By the age of 10, with his natural talent for music, Menuhin was already performing around the world.

The ability to play and compose music, Gardner noted, has been



Gardner: The traditional IQ test is a straitjacket.

(Joe Malcolm)

scientifically traced to certain areas of the brain; note the instances of autistic and other impaired children who can play music brilliantly, but cannot talk or interact with others. Conversely, one can be totally amusical but live a normal and productive life.

Bodily-kinesthetic intelligence involves control of one's physical movements, balance, agility and grace. In some extraordinary individuals, such as Babe Ruth, Michael Jordan or Jackie Joyner-Kersey, bodily-kinesthetic intelligence appeared even before formal training. Countering some of his critics, Gardner insists that physical control constitutes a form of intelligence.

THE SON of Holocaust survivors who has made numerous visits to Israel, Gardner was here to speak at the opening of the Rappi Amram Center for Creative Excellence at the Israel Arts and Science Academy (IASA) in Jerusalem's Malha neighborhood.

Despite the academic-sounding name, the academy is a three-year, national high school accepting only the most gifted and creative teenagers from around the country. No one is rejected on account of the inability to pay.

Founded in 1990, the academy boasts a student body of 180 pupils – native-born and new immigrant, religious and secular, Jewish and Arab – who are residents of cities, development towns, kibbutzim and moshavim.

Its president, Bob Asher, calls it "the most integrated school in Israel."

Study of the sciences and the arts is a requirement, and community service is an integral part of the schoolwork. Gardner was closely involved in designing the curriculum of the school, which was founded by Amram, who died of cancer recently at the age of 51.

The new center's goals include fostering leadership, excellence and social responsibility, encouraging creativity and furthering the teaching of ethics, along with arts and sciences. Opportunity is provided for talented and motivated young people from all socioeconomic sectors.

In this way, Gardner is involved not merely in disseminating his new theories of intelligence and education but in their active implementation. Since 1972 he has been codirector (with educator David Perkins) of Harvard's Project Zero. This research group in human cognition works to design performance-based assessments, education for understanding, and the use of multiple intel-

ligences to achieve more personalized curricula, instruction, and assessment. The group's work has already had a significant impact on schools and cultural institutions throughout the US.

Gardner, whose 15th book *Leading Minds: An Anatomy of Leadership* aroused a great deal of interest, is also carrying out intensive case studies of exemplary creators and leaders.

It's well known that many children who may be full of motivation and curiosity in kindergarten or first grade are turned off by the time they reach fourth or fifth grade. The problem is the emphasis still put on memorization.

"When pupils are lectured on a subject they are overloaded with facts, statistics and other nuggets of information that are to be regurgitated at a later date in the form of some assessment test," Gardner said.

Recognizing different types of intelligence, he said, will allow more personalized techniques of educating pupils, with more stress on creativity and less on memorization.

Gardner's own elementary school in Scranton, Pennsylvania, was "very uninspiring. Schools should be like a children's museum that arouses excitement and interest."

Gardner is especially concerned about the current influence of competition – whether for good marks or business profits – on ethics. "In my view, in a post-Cold War world where the market economy is widely regarded to have triumphed, there are few issues of greater importance than the imperative to merge the realms of cognitive achievement and ethical and social responsibility."

In a letter to Amram before his death, Gardner noted that "in the absence of such efforts, we are likely to have a world in which a small number of people are possessed of great wealth and power while most others are allowed to languish; and a world in which ethics are either left to legal recourse or are ignored altogether."

Gardner also worries about the types of leaders being democratically elected.

"Since 1960, when TV made its influence felt in the Kennedy-Nixon debates, elections in many parts of the world are popularity and beauty contests," he said. "The most intelligent people don't necessarily rise to the top in legislatures and in the executive. People are not selected by how capable or honest they are. This situation will remain, until voters get fed up."

By DONNA BRYSON

BIKANER, India – It's morning, and the 225 pampered residents of India's National Camel Research Center are at their most vocal – their pitiful and piercing calls carrying across western India's Thar Desert.

Camel specialist Sumant Vyas doesn't seem to notice the racket. To him, the camel's voice is just one more of the creature's admirable features. During the mating season, he says, braying males can be heard by every other camel within a kilometer radius.

Vyas and the other scientists at the center just outside Bikaner, about 400 kilometers west of New Delhi, are dedicated to – perhaps even obsessed with – spreading awareness of the camel's finer points: its ability to go up to a week without water, for example, or to carry loads weighing more than a ton across kilometers.

Most of India's estimated 1.5 million camels – the largest population outside the Horn of Africa – are in the Thar. The one-humped camelus dromedarius is everywhere – plowing arid fields for maize and barley, nibbling leaves from prickly trees with their thick-skinned lips, or loping calmly through traffic in towns like Bikaner with proud-necked, bony-kneed, saucer-footed ease, dragging wagons of television sets from warehouse to market.

Camel-mounted soldiers from India fought in both World Wars, and camels still help patrol the country's western border. They deliver ballot boxes to remote desert villages during elections and vaccines during anti-polio campaigns.

Some 8,000 tourists visit the research center every year, drawn by the camel's Lawrence-of-Arabia mystique or eager to find out more about the animals they rode on the desert safaris organized by tour companies in Bikaner.

Despite man's long association with the camel, scientific interest in the animal is fairly recent. The 14-year-old Bikaner center is holding its first international sym-

posium this summer; the first such meeting was held just six years ago in the United Arab Emirates.

Most Indian farmers and merchants buy their camels – paying an average of 10,000 rupees (about \$250) apiece – from nomadic tribesmen. But with younger men forsaking the harsh desert life for city jobs, camel breeding traditions are being lost.

The Bikaner center's first priority is ensuring the continuation of true strains of the workhorse Bikaneri, with its long lashes and ear hairs to keep out the desert dust; the more delicate Jaisalmeri, prized for racing; and from coastal Gujarat the Kachchhi, adapted to slightly more humid conditions.

Center researchers are also

studying and seeking ways to conserve the rare, double-humped Bactrian camels found in northern India's Ladakh region.

Center researchers visit farmers to explain how best to care for camels and to provide their purebred males for stud. Vyas, a reproduction specialist, says increasing the number of calves from any one female is the key to preserving strong, healthy breeds. He's perfecting a technique for transferring embryos from one to several females in a lab that, though far from state-of-the-art, is gleamingly well cared for.

The lab and pens where the camels spend the nights or undergo experiments are set in one corner of a parcel of land with dry

plants and sand dunes where the camels are set loose to graze during the day. Recently Bikaner researchers began experimenting with diet and exercise to determine whether they could improve racing breeds. They discovered in the process that, contrary to conventional wisdom, females are faster over short distances.

Though camel racing is not as popular in India as in the Arab world, where it is big business, it is a way to raise the center's profile. Its camels were winners at the annual Bikaner Camel Festival in January, and its scientists are hoping their bosses in the governing ministry's agriculture department will allow them to try their luck in the Gulf. (Associated Press)



Scientists at India's National Camel Research Center are obsessed with spreading awareness of the camel's finer points – like its ability to go up to a week without water. (AP)

TELL ME WHY

When the ants come marching in

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

We are living in a 16-year-old apartment. In the last year or so, we've noticed mounds of sand between the floor tiles in some rooms. Looking closer, we see ants; apparently they're digging the sand out. Are they termites? We've tried killing them with sprays, but to no avail. How do ants live in sand under floor tiles? What do they eat? And how can we finish them off? Suzy, Jerusalem

We have an ant problem, and my son claims that putting ordinary table salt under doorways and windows will prevent their entrance. Is there anything to



Getting rid of ants with salt is an old wives' tale. (Elihu Harni)

this? Yossi, Tel Aviv
Prof. Meir Perner, an entomologist in the Hebrew University's life sciences department in Jerusalem, and his wife, Dr. Hedva Perner, an entomologist at the Health Ministry's entomology lab, reply:

From the description in your first question it sounds like your problem is a kind of ant called tapinoma. Small and black, they live all around the country – especially in hilly areas like Jerusalem. Termites are light brown, so you can hardly see them; it's unlikely you are referring to them.

Tapinoma have nests in all kinds of subterranean locations, including in the home. They live under floor tiles as well and come out of the cracks to feed, and they particu-

larly like sweets. You can be certain they are tapinoma if, when you squash them, they produce a strong, rather unpleasant odor of formic acid.

Tapinoma have a symbiotic relationship with aphids, which issue a sweet discharge due to too much sugar in their bodies from plant sources. The tapinoma feed on this discharge. The ants walk in single file, leaving aggregation pheromones in their trail to communicate with each other.

Getting rid of them over the long term is very difficult. Any insecticide spray will kill those you see, but it won't get to their nests, which are often under the floor tiles or behind the wall tiles in the kitchen. Pouring chlorine bleach on the tiles may help, as chlorine repels the ants. It's important to seal cracks between tiles and around connections between faucets and the wall.

We know of no proof that salt repels ants: it sounds like an old wives' tale. In the US, there are baits that some ants will carry back to the nest, killing the larvae. But these are species specific, and not yet suited to Israeli ants. However, we understand that local experts are working on baits suitable for killing ant species found here.

There have been several periods of hamsin [heat wave], including dust storms, in recent months. I've noticed that most of them have ended in rainfall. Is this typical, and if so, why does it happen? Carmel, Jerusalem
Prof. Avraham Zangvil, a meteorological expert at the Institute

for Desert Research at Ben-Gurion University in the Negev, replies:

There is no clear and unambiguous definition of the phenomenon called *sharav* or *hamsin*. Generally, it is defined as unusually hot and dry weather – sometimes accompanied by strong winds and dust or haze. The *sharav* is caused by a low-pressure area (*sharav* depression) at the surface; combined with a high-pressure system above it, or by one of the two. The *sharav* depression is most common in the spring and usually moves in a track along the North African coast, causing the winds to blow from a direction between east and south, thus bringing hot and dry air from the deserts located in these areas. The high-pressure system causes a sinking motion, which warms up the air by compression.

When the depression over Israel's coastline passes, the wind near the surface shifts to a westerly, maritime direction, while the high pressure area aloft gives way to a cold trough or low-pressure area, which may cause rain.

It is worth mentioning that not every depression moving over North Africa to the eastern Mediterranean is associated with *sharav* conditions. A recent example in mid-March involved a deep depression moving along the North African coast that transported large amounts of dust from the Negev and North African deserts to our region. But dust alone does not make a *hamsin*. Heavy rain and other severe weather phenomena followed the passage of this depression.

Fish-counting: A low-tech job in a high-tech world

By CAROL ANN RIMA

Just below the water level at the Bonneville Dam in Cascade Locks, Oregon, a 64-year-old woman sits for hours in a darkened room. Only religious music on the radio and an occasional flash of silver help her pass the time.

"Look at that!" JoAnne Mohr says as a 1.2-meter chinook salmon swims by the picture window, illuminated only by a dim light that glows through the murky Columbia River water.

Her hands poised over a mechanical clicker, she marks yet another fish that has managed to swim over the dam on its upstream voyage to spawn a new generation.

Mohr is a fish counter, a low-tech job in a high-tech world.

In the 60 years the salmon have been tallied on the Northwest's mighty rivers, no technology, no computer, no videotape, has been able to completely

take the place of trained human eyes that can instantly distinguish between dozens of species that look very much alike.

"The chinook is kind of football-shaped and has kind of a crescent tail with black gums," Mohr explains. "The steelhead is torpedo shaped, with a straight tail."

The sockeye is smaller. It comes through here blue, with a big eye," she says. "They're my favorites."

From April through October, the Army Corps of Engineers provides a daily count of fish passing through its fish ladders over eight dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers, data that help other federal agencies manage the fishery.

The salmon tend to hug the shore as they make their way upriver to the same streams where they hatched. There they will spawn one time and die.

At the dams, stepped pools with cascading water help the fish get up and

over. In the course of following the fish ladder, they are channeled in front of Mohr's picture window. Three swim by at a time, then a long pause. Another one, and then two more after an eel-like wriggle by.

It's slow this time of year, when the spring chinook are just starting their run. But Mohr says she never finds it boring.

"It can get very busy when the shad are running. You can have 10,000 shad go through in 50 minutes," Mohr says.

During her shift she counts more than 100 fish a day; 715,905 spawning fish swam past Bonneville Dam last year. Still, she admits, "the numbers aren't what they used to be." Salmon have declined steadily since the beginning of commercial fishing on the Columbia in the mid-1800s.

As early as 1888, the corps warned Congress of dropping numbers of spawning fish. The decline has continued.

During the past decade, Snake River sockeye and chinook and two Columbia Basin steelhead runs have been listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act.

The decline has been so precipitous that the federal government is considering what once was unthinkable – removing the four newest dams on the Snake River to return the river to more natural conditions.

Mohr says the more she watches the salmon, the more she cares about them. "You do get attached to them, when you're counting them, when you watch their struggle to get upstream and all the things they have to contend with," she says.

Mohr sees the burn marks on their heads caused by fungal disease and can distinguish the scars made by drift nets or hungry sea lions.

"There are a lot of obstacles," she says.

"Sometimes when they falter and I

wave my hand, I think they see that motion."

But the Oregon department of fish and wildlife counting station on the Willamette River at Willamette Falls relies primarily on videotape instead of real-time counting.

Debbie Ames runs the station – a concrete bunker that juts out above the falls.

The 35-year-old woman is responsible for a bank of four time-lapse videocassette recorders that record fish movement 24 hours a day. She reviews the tapes, speeding up when no fish are shown, and tallies them on a mechanical counter.

Biologists with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission have made attempts to use computer-vision systems to count fish but so far haven't been successful.

"We're still working on that one," says biologist Jeff Fryer. He and colleague Doug Hatch have used 72-

hour time-lapse video recording at several sites, and they have been working on linking a camera to a computer, recording images of passing fish on a removable hard drive.

The newest system uses image processing to remove frames that contain fish, creating an edited tape that eliminates frames with no fish. It reduces the amount of labor needed to review the images.

Still, Fryer says: "You'd have to have a human tallying up the fish there at that point."

"Speciation of fish gets to be a problem," Hatch explains. "A person has to review the tapes in order to differentiate between the species."

In other words, there's no substitute yet for a woman with a clicker.

"They can do magnificent things with computers," Mohr declares as she waits for the next fish to swim by. "But we can make a lot of observations that I don't think computers can make." (Associated Press)

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An 'outsider' gets too close to Chernobyl for comfort

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

A child born in Israel with a cleft palate or foreshortened Achilles tendon undergoes routine surgery and can live normally. Even a victim of cerebral palsy can be helped to live as normal a life as possible.

But in Belarus, the Ukraine and other parts of the former Soviet Union, there are no medical services to cure deformities, and no supportive services allowing parents to care for seriously disabled youngsters at home.

These youngsters have a one-way ticket to unheated orphanages and other institutions, where they are dressed in striped uniforms like prisoners, and straitjacketed if they are regarded as hyperactive or "troublemakers."

Although they have parents, they will remain in those institutions, hidden away from "normal" society, until they die.

Jay Litvin is the Habad Children of Chernobyl project's expert on the medical implications of the Chernobyl reactor

explosion 12 years ago. He witnessed the suffering of these children — some of them Jewish — their parents, and the population in general, who continue to be poisoned by radiation in the air they breathe, the food they eat and the water they drink.

Litvin, a layman who has attended so many medical conferences and read so much about Chernobyl's fallout over the last eight years that he is considered one of the country's top experts on it, visited Minsk, Kiev and neighboring villages in January and February as Habad's medical liaison.

Although the Habad project has brought more than 1,000 Jewish youngsters to Israel, most of whom have been joined by their parents, existing absorption regulations make it impossible to bring over the many seriously ill and disabled Jewish children who remain in the affected areas.

Habad does the best it can by raising money to equip clinics and orphanages, which benefit from sporadic donations from other countries like Ireland,

Germany and Norway.

MINSK's Number One Home for Abandoned Children, where deformed babies are brought straight from the delivery room, was built in 1944. Since the Chernobyl disaster the number of abandoned deformed children has significantly increased, and the facility is very overcrowded.

It keeps the children until age five, when they are transferred to the city's Novinki Orphanage; there they remain until they turn 18. From the orphanage they are sent to prison-like institutions where they are locked away behind an iron gate and given no education or recreation.

"The children are kept like animals," Litvin recalls. "Often there is not enough food — and what little is provided is frequently confiscated and eaten by staff."

Although some of the staff are well-meaning, the lack of resources make them feel impotent.

"Our home has many children with Down's Syndrome, cerebral

palsy, hydrocephalus, spina bifida, cleft palates and microcephalus. And now we see deformities we've never seen before... strange things," the Number One home's director, Dr. Tamara, told Litvin.

"My job is to care for these children, to treat them and try to cure them, but I can do nothing. We have no medicines, and there is no place to send the children for surgery."

At the Gomel Regional Hospital in Belarus, Litvin met with the director, Dr. Eduard Rusakov.

"He complained that the aid the hospital received from countries like Japan soon after the Chernobyl disaster has dried up. They give lists of needed supplies and medicines to visitors who may be able to help."

The number of children with thyroid cancer has skyrocketed, but there are other types of diseases as well.

"Children suffer from the slightest diseases as if they are the most serious," Rusakov said. "Among our children there are no colds — only bronchitis and pneumonia. Their immune systems are practically dead."

LITVIN MET Valentina Pokhomova, a Gomel resident and founder of the Children in Trouble organization. A parent-run advocacy group representing over 600 children diagnosed with cancer, it's where parents come for help after being informed of their child's diagnosis.

Valentina's daughter Olga was two when Chernobyl's reactor exploded; five years later, Olga was one of the first children to be diagnosed with thyroid cancer.

At the regional hospital in Ovruch, a three-hour drive from Kiev, Litvin found pathetic facilities. Babies lay bundled up in beds in frigid rooms, lacking medicine and food. The parents were expected to provide everything. The operating table in the theater was so rickety that it took four people to hold it steady during surgery.

Litvin was shaken by what he saw and heard, but can't find anybody to blame for what's happening to these children.

"No schools will take them, so parents who work can't care for them at home," he says.

Many areas have been bulldozed over and buried. The authorities transferred families



This elderly couple are the only ones remaining in the highly contaminated village of Berolomenko: 'This was their life, and they couldn't leave it.'

out of affected areas and put them in tiny apartments elsewhere, Litvin says, then moved other people to the homes that had been abandoned.

"Fields were once closed off, but are being opened again to feed the public. I never saw any monitoring of foodstuffs. People can't afford to go into stores, so they buy food that is undoubtedly contaminated from stands at the side of the road, or at bus stations."

THE HABADNIK, who took along all his own meals and water for *kashrut* reasons no less than the fear of eating contaminated food, went everywhere carrying a Geiger counter.

"The couple invited us into their home. It was lit by kerosene lamps and warmed by a fire. It was like a fairyland house, filled with photos and religious items, the furniture and windows and tables covered with crocheted lace. They offered us coffee and fruit, but we refused."

"Inside their home I understood the choice they had made. I remembered Valentina's descriptions of life for the evacuees, and tried to imagine this couple living in a small cubicle of an apartment, away from the land they had worked for so long. This was their life, and they couldn't leave it."

But after years of being an "outsider" looking in on the effects of Chernobyl, Litvin suddenly felt under personal threat.

"I became frightened. I realized that the fire was made from wood collected in the surrounding forest — that wood was the most contaminated vegetation, and that inhaling hot particles of radiation in smoke was dangerous to my lungs."

"For the first time, I became truly afraid that Chernobyl had caught up with me." Making apologies, the visitors finally got away.

Litvin's findings, added to various medical reports on the possibility that Chernobyl's radiation could have triggered congenital defects in children born after the nuclear explosion, will undoubtedly raise concern among immigrants from these areas who now live in Israel.

Dr. Yocheved Fishbein, director of the International Fertility Institute in Ra'anana, has investigated the subject.

She describes the effects of radiation exposure as very complex and multifactorial.

Seeing large numbers of deformed children in the Ukraine and Belarus does not mean their counterparts here will suffer the same fate; it's far from being a black-and-white matter, Fishbein says.

"Children and their parents are getting a clean, healthful diet here, and aren't being exposed to continued radiation," she says. "The individual conditions of each person play a part."

To say that the radiation caused birth defects requires a careful statistical analysis comparing a representative group that was not exposed with a group that was, Fishbein stresses.



One-way ticket to institutions. Seriously disabled children in Belarus and Ukraine are locked away in institutions for life. If they are 'troublesome,' they are straitjacketed, like this little boy.

Rubber gloves: A serious occupational hazard

By AVRAM GOLDSTEIN

WASHINGTON — Latex rubber gloves are vital equipment for medical workers, but they can cause problems for sensitive people.

Buoyed by a \$1 million jury award to a Milwaukee hospital technician who developed a severe allergy to natural rubber latex gloves, hundreds of US health care workers are suing glove manufacturers, alleging they knew prolonged exposure could cause reactions from mild skin irritations to deadly ailments.

During the past year, a steady stream of new claims against latex glove manufacturers has been filed in a Philadelphia federal court, where about 150 cases from across the country have been consolidated for pretrial purposes.

About 50 more plaintiffs are suing in other courts, raising the specter of millions of dollars' worth of judgments against manufacturers.

The US Food and Drug Administration is considering a ban on those latex gloves that are more likely to cause allergies in users. The agency also will require manufacturers to put allergy warnings on packages of gloves and prohibit them from describing gloves as "hypoallergenic."

Industry leaders acknowledge that some natural rubber latex gloves can cause health problems, but they say that until researchers determine how much latex exposure is a health problem, they have

no plans to change their processes or products.

Scientists and government officials estimate that about 950,000 US health care workers who wear gloves because they come into contact with patients or blood have developed an allergic sensitivity to latex, causing skin rashes, respiratory ailments or even potentially fatal shock.

COLETTE Rieffer, a surgical technician at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland, wore latex gloves at work for years, but didn't suffer a significant reaction until she had a cesarean section in 1992.

When latex particles came into contact with her body during surgery, she went into anaphylactic shock and respiratory arrest.

She continued working for two more years with non-latex gloves, but had to end her career when she touched a latex glove and suffered bronchial spasms.

Although health care workers have been reporting latex allergy symptoms since the late 1980s, the wave of lawsuits is a sign that natural rubber gloves — required as protection against AIDS and other blood-borne diseases — have become a serious occupational hazard.

Plaintiffs say the companies knew the gloves caused them to develop allergies and failed to warn them or change the products.

The makers have responded that they shouldn't be held liable, say-

ing that hospitals and health professionals are sophisticated enough to protect themselves, and that researchers have much to learn about the allergy.

Unknown numbers of health care workers have been forced to give up their careers because their allergic reactions increased with each exposure to latex. Many workers are asking employers to buy gloves made of synthetic materials or natural latex that has been more thoroughly cleansed to eliminate latex particles.

Researchers say the allergens — loose, microscopic particles of latex proteins on the gloves — bind with the cornstarch powder that is dusted on the gloves to make it easier to pull them on and off. The proteins become airborne and can be inhaled, inducing a variety of allergic reactions in some people.

So far, no US health care worker has died of latex allergy. But with continued exposure to latex — commonly found in items such as carpets, toys, shoes, clothing, paint, pantyhose, housekeeping gloves and tires — some people can suffer skin irritations, asthma, or even go into shock.

Condoms can also trigger allergic reactions in sensitized people, and there has been talk of adding warning labels to condom wrappers — but government officials say the manufacturing process for most condoms leaves few allergens on them.

A number of hospitals have eliminated high-protein gloves, while



An estimated 950,000 US health care workers who wear gloves develop an allergic sensitivity to latex, causing skin rashes, respiratory problems — even potentially fatal shock. (Zeev Ackerman)

others, including Children's National Medical Center in Washington and Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, have instituted partial bans. Johns Hopkins even tries to keep visitors from bringing latex balloons into its buildings. (The Washington Post)

viewed carefully to find out if they are motivated by the desire for fertility, pregnancy or parenthood.

RELIEF FOR BABY

A five-day-old baby girl born with hydrocephalus due to a blockage inside the brain is the youngest Israeli to undergo endoscopic surgery to relieve the pressure.

The operation was performed recently at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv, with cooperation from staffers of Bnai Zion Hospital in Haifa, where the congenital problem was diagnosed. Dr. Hanoeh Elran of Ichilov's pediatric neurosurgery department used an endoscope and made a hole in the floor of a lobe of the brain, allowing fluid to drain out naturally and stop putting pressure on vital tissues.

The technique eliminates the need for a shunt, the conventional way of treating hydrocephalus. Avoiding

the shunt, said Elran, prevents potential complications.

So far, 100 endoscopic brain operations have been performed here on adults and children over the age of three months, with a success rate of between 80 and 90 percent.

MOUTH-WATERING LAB A special lab for examining saliva is operating as part of the maxillo-facial surgery department at Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

The biochemical and immunological lab tests and diagnoses patients suffering either from too little or too much saliva as well, as a burning sensation in their mouths or changes in their sense of taste.

Dr. Rafael Nagler, who runs the lab, said patients include elderly whose saliva production has been disrupted by medication, as well as those with diabetes, immunological disorders and false teeth.

Testicular cancer — the unthinkable

By SUSAN OAKIE

Testicular cancer is probably the last thing teenage boys think about. But it does happen.

It was late autumn 1995, the beginning of the wrestling season. The boy, a junior high school pupil in Montgomery County, Maryland, was looking forward to the daily training sessions and to testing his strength and skill in the upcoming matches. He would be turning 16 in a few weeks. He was thinking about homework, about getting his driver's license, about visiting colleges. He certainly wasn't thinking about cancer.

When he found the lump, the little hard spot, on one of his testicles, he didn't tell anyone. Athletes are supposed to be tough, and teenagers are immortal. And testicles are definitely not something that you talk about. Right?

Wrong, the boy now realizes. That's why he's telling this story now, although it's still hard for him to talk about it — but he doesn't want his name used because most of the people he went to high school with still don't know what happened to him.

"It never really occurred to me that I could have cancer," he said. "I never really believed that's what it was."

That December he had his annual physical examination. "I figured the doctor would check, and he didn't," the boy said. So he didn't mention the lump, although he kept track of it and knew that it wasn't going away. "It got bigger for about six months and then it sort of stopped," he said. "For whatever reason, I didn't worry about it. Maybe I just didn't want to."

Almost a year went by. His next physical came along in November 1996, his senior year. By then, the enlargement of his testicle was bothering him during wrestling practice. "It was just a little uncomfortable," he recalled.

This time, the physician checked his testicles. As soon as he saw how much bigger one was than the other, he said, "This is trouble."

Somehow, the boy said, that news didn't come as a surprise.

Testicular cancer is rare in teenagers, but it happens; this type of tumor constitutes only one percent of all cancers in American males, but for men between the ages of 15 and 35 it's the most common type. The age distribution peaks in the 20s and 30s, but ranges

from boys in their mid-teens to men in their mid-70s.

A week after the physical examination, doctors performed an ultrasound scan and confirmed it was a solid tumor, not a fluid-filled cyst. A computerized tomography scan showed that it had spread to lymph nodes in the back of the boy's abdomen and to both lungs.

A week after the physical exam, a surgeon removed the cancerous testicle.

Luckily for the boy, testicular cancer is highly curable. Depending on the type of cells that make up a particular cancer, tumors that are caught early can be treated either with surgery alone or with surgery followed by radiation treatments to kill any residual cancer cells in the lymph nodes of the pelvis, said Dr. Kenneth Miller, a cancer specialist at Maryland's Shady Grove Hospital.

Patients with more advanced tumors generally receive a combination of three chemotherapy drugs: etoposide, cisplatin and bleomycin. Before these appeared on the scene in the 1970s, testicular cancer was the most common fatal cancer in young men. But with such chemotherapy, the Montgomery County pupil has more than a 95% chance of cure.

After the treatment was over, the boy regained much of his strength. After graduating with his high school class, he started college in Boston last fall.

The odd thing is, he remembers watching a videotape on testicular cancer during a biology class when he was 14, a year before the whole episode began. "I remember we were all laughing at it," he said.

Men can improve their likelihood of finding testicular cancer early by checking their testicles monthly. Self-examination is best done after a shower or bath.

First, stand in front of a mirror, looking for any swelling on the skin of the scrotum. Then examine each testicle with both hands. Place the middle and index fingers under the testicle and place the thumbs on top. Gently roll the testicle between thumbs and fingers. Feel for lumps or changes in texture. It's normal for one testicle to be somewhat larger than the other.

Find the epididymis, the tubelike structure at the back of the testicle that collects sperm. It should not be mistaken for an abnormal lump. If you notice a lump or other change in a testicle, contact your doctor.

(The Washington Post)

After tragedy comes the drive to procreate

Health Scan



By Post Health Reporter

Bereaved couples who have lost a child to disease, an accident or some type of violence all suffer from a void in their lives, but many of them — even when the wife is near the end of her fertility — want to have another child.

A study of bereaved couples seeking fertility treatments conducted recently by Rivka Reicher-Afir, a

psychologist at the Rabin Medical Center-Beit Shimon Campus, sheds light on this painful subject.

The hospital's obstetrics branch, directed by Prof. Zion Ben-Raphael, has invested much effort in helping such parents.

Reicher-Afir interviewed 22 of them; some are undergoing treatment, others abandoned it, while the remainder contacted the clinic, but never initiated treatment.

All the couples, even those who didn't apply to the fertility clinic, thought about having another child. Most who sought treatment did so during the first year of bereavement; older women were especially likely to consult with doctors within six months of their child's death.

The psychologist found that merely thinking about another pregnancy, even without bringing it to fruition, eased the couple's rehabilitation. Also, older children knew

about the parents' wishes for a baby and supported them.

The couples who wanted to undergo fertility treatments all declared that the new baby would not be a "monument" or a substitute for the lost child, but said they had a drive to produce new life.

She found clear differences in the couples' attitude toward fertility, pregnancy and parenthood. When fertility treatment succeeds, it is a personal human achievement; pregnancy offers the opportunity to "grow something"; and after delivery parents must invest great energy to care for the child.

Not all the bereaved parents were interested in all three. Some couples halted treatment after realizing that at their stage in life, they really didn't want to raise another child.

The researcher concluded that bereaved parents who seek help from fertility units should be inter-

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Dow ends sharply up
as investors cheer data

New York

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The Dow ended sharply higher on Friday as investors eagerly embraced news the US economy is still firing on all cylinders, but with no inflation in sight.

"Folks are saying we still have a good economy, we have growing productivity, so the fact that the labor market is getting tighter and tighter is not a problem as long as productivity continues to improve," said Alfred Goldman, an analyst at A.G. Edwards and Sons.

Some also believe the recent pullback has run its course. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed unofficially up 167.15 points, or 1.88 percent, at 9037.71, up 137 for the week.

In the broader market, the Standard and Poor's 500 index ended up 19.03 points, or 1.74%, at 1113.86, a gain of 23 points over the week.

On the New York Stock Exchange, advancing issues led declines by a 2-to-1 ratio on modest volume of 560 million shares. The tech-studied Nasdaq, closed up 12.97 points, or 0.73%, at 1782.92, up 4.05 points for the week.

The blue chip advance was underpinned by firm bonds, which cheered May's non-farm payrolls. The economy created 296,000 new jobs last month, more than expected, while unemployment remained at 4.3%, a 28-year low.

However, the factory sector lost 26,000 jobs, a sign that Asia's economic crisis is hitting US exporters and will help cool domestic growth and keep the Federal Reserve from raising interest rates, analysts said.

"I think the overall backdrop of a still robust economy is setting aside fears of both Asia and the effect on earnings," said Robert Dickey, technical analyst at Dain Rauscher.

Motorola Inc. fell 9/16 to 50-15/16 after the company said it will lay off 15,000 workers, or 10% of its workforce, and take a charge of \$2 billion as part of a restructuring. The technology giant blamed slackening demand and price pressures for the moves, partly due to Asian economic woes.

Archer Daniels Midland Co., the big agricultural commodities company, gained 3/8 to 22-1/8 after rumors of a possible merger with chemical giant DuPont Co., whose stock jumped 2-7/8 to 79-5/8.

Europe

The UK's FTSE 100 index closed 1.5 percent higher on Friday, registering a healthy 76-point gain for the week, after inline US wage data soothed fears of an imminent interest rate hike across the Atlantic and boosted New York stocks.

By the close, the blue chip index had risen 86.5 points to 5,947.3 - its highest level of the session.

"The average earnings figure wasn't scary so that helped," said the head of equity trading at a leading European investment

STOCKS



Dow Jones 9037 ▲ 1.88%

FTSE 5947 ▲ 1.5%

Nikkei 15334 ▼ 0.59%

bank. "But we are still in a volatile period and anything can happen with Wall Street."

Average hourly earnings rose four cents in May. Consensus forecasts had been for an increase of around 0.38 cents.

Non-farm payrolls were 296,000 compared with a market forecast of 221,000, but added to the positive tone. "These were odd figures with revisions to back data revised up," said Pamure Gordon strategist, Ian Williams. "So the number doesn't actually look that strong," he said.

The Dow was up 79 points by the London close. UK equities continued to take heart from sterling's conservative reaction to Thursday's surprise quarter-point interest rate rise, dealers and strategists said.

Asia

A landmark deal tackling Indonesia's massive corporate debt did little to help drooping Asian markets in early Friday trade, but Jakarta shares gave the pact a cautious thumbs-up.

Under the deal, international banks agreed to reschedule Indonesia's \$80 billion of private sector debt, throwing a lifeline to the country's debt-ridden firms.

But despite sharing Indonesia's suffering in May, when political turmoil there dragged regional stocks and currencies lower, Asian markets were unable to get excited

Hong Kong shares took a back seat in Asian trade. The Hang Seng Index rose 0.19% to 8,574.47 in early afternoon trading.

Seoul's composite index was up 2.73% at 341.53 in the afternoon on hopes that the ruling party would push ahead with economic reforms after receiving a strong mandate in Thursday's local elections.

An exception to the regional apathy was Taiwan. Stocks there ended over one percent higher after the government announced a second tranche of stimulus measures to shore up the market.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
U.S. dollar (\$100,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
U.S. dollar (\$50,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
U.S. dollar (\$25,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
U.S. dollar (\$10,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

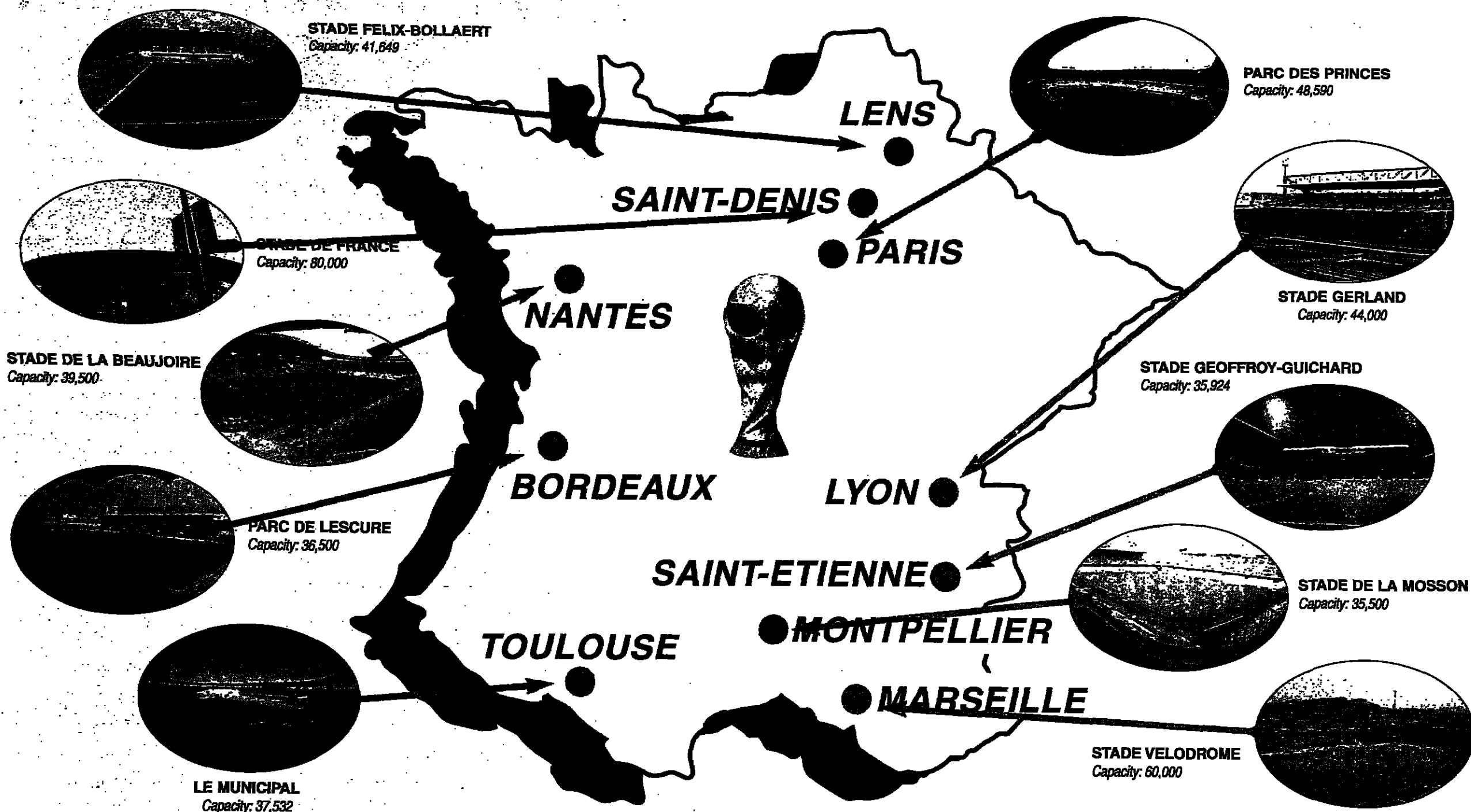
Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (S.G.588)

Swedish krona	0.460
Norwegian krone	0.485
Denish krone	0.536
Finnish mark	0.672
Canadian dollar	2.483
Australian dollar	2.182

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KEY MARKETS

Group A	
Brazil	☐
Scotland	☐
Morocco	☐
Norway	☐
Scotland	☐
Norway	☐

Group B	
Italy	☐
Chile	☐
Cameroon	☐
Austria	☐
Chile	☐
Austria	☐

SECOND ROUND			
Group A winners	Game 1	Group B runners-up	Group E winners
Group B winners	Game 2	Group A runners-up	Group F winners
Group C winners	Game 3	Group D runners-up	Group G winners
Group D winners	Game 4	Group C runners-up	Group H winners

Group C	
Saudi Arabia	☐
Denmark	☐
France	☐
South Africa	☐
South Africa	☐
Denmark	☐

Group D	
Paraguay	☐
Bulgaria	☐
Spain	☐
Nigeria	☐
Nigeria	☐
Bulgaria	☐

QUARTER FINALS			
Winner Game 1	Game A	Winner Game 4	Game C
Winner Game 2	Game B	Winner Game 3	Game D

Group E	
South Korea	☐
Mexico	☐
Netherlands	☐
Belgium	☐
Belgium	☐
Mexico	☐

Group F	
Yugoslavia	☐
Iran	☐
Germany	☐
USA	☐
Germany	☐
Yugoslavia	☐

SEMIFINALS			
Winner Game A	SF1	Winner Game C	SF2
Winner Game B	SF2	Winner Game D	SF1

Group G	
England	☐
Tunisia	☐
Romania	☐
Colombia	☐
Colombia	☐
Tunisia	☐

Group H	
Argentina	☐
Japan	☐
Jamaica	☐
Croatia	☐
Japan	☐
Croatia	☐

THIRD PLACE PLAYOFF	

FINAL	

CHAMPIONS

All listings are Israel time

Channel 1 Viewing Guide

Date	Time	Group	Fixture	Venue					
Wed. June 10	18:30 22:00	A A	Brazil vs Scotland Morocco vs Norway	St. Denis Montpellier	Fri. June 19	18:30 22:00	D D	Nigeria vs Bulgaria Spain vs Paraguay	Paris St. Etienne
Thu. June 11	18:30 22:00	B B	Italy vs Chile Cameroon vs Austria	Bordeaux Toulouse	Sat. June 20	15:30 18:30 22:00	H E E	Japan vs Croatia Belgium vs Mexico Netherlands vs South Korea	Nantes Bordeaux Marseille
Fri. June 12	15:30 18:30 22:00	D C C	Paraguay vs Bulgaria Saudi Arabia vs Denmark France vs South Africa	Montpellier Lens Marseille	Sun. June 21	15:30 18:30 22:00	F H F	Germany vs Yugoslavia Argentina vs Jamaica USA vs Iran	Lens Paris Lyon
Sat. June 13	15:30 18:30 22:00	D E E	Spain vs Nigeria South Korea vs Mexico Netherlands vs Belgium	Nantes Lyon St. Denis	Mon. June 22	18:30 22:00	G G	Colombia vs Tunisia Romania vs England	Montpellier Toulouse
Sun. June 14	15:30 18:30 22:00	H F H	Argentina vs Japan Yugoslavia vs Iran Jamaica vs Croatia	Toulouse St. Etienne Lens	Tue. June 23	* 17:00 17:00 * 22:00 22:00	B B A A	Italy vs Austria Chile vs Cameroon Scotland vs Morocco Brazil vs Norway	St. Denis Nantes St. Etienne Marseille
Mon. June 15	15:30 18:30 22:00	G G F	England vs Tunisia Romania vs Colombia Germany vs USA	Marseille Lyon Paris	Wed. June 24	* 17:00 17:00 * 22:00 22:00	C C D D	France vs Denmark South Africa vs Saudi Arabia Spain vs Bulgaria Nigeria vs Paraguay	Lyon Bordeaux Lens Toulouse
Tue. June 16	18:30 22:00	A A	Scotland vs Norway Brazil vs Morocco	Bordeaux Nantes	Thu. June 25	* 17:00 17:00 * 22:00 22:00	E E F F	Belgium vs South Korea Netherlands vs Mexico Germany vs Iran USA vs Yugoslavia	Paris St. Etienne Montpellier Nantes
Wed. June 17	18:30 22:00	B B	Chile vs Austria Italy vs Cameroon	St. Etienne Montpellier	Fri. June 26	* 17:00 17:00 * 22:00 22:00	H H G G	Japan vs Jamaica Argentina vs Croatia Romania vs Tunisia Colombia vs England	Lyon Bordeaux St. Denis Lens
Thu. June 18	18:30 22:00	C C	South Africa vs Denmark France vs Saudi Arabia	Toulouse St. Denis					

SECOND ROUND	June 27	17:30 22:00	Game 2 Game 1	Group B winners vs Group A runners-up Group A winners vs Group B runners-up	Marseille Paris
	June 28	17:30 22:00	Game 3 Game 4	Group C winners vs Group D runners-up Group D winners vs Group C runners-up	Lens St. Denis
	June 29	17:30 22:00	Game 6 Game 5	Group F winners vs Group E runners-up Group E winners vs Group F runners-up	Montpellier Toulouse
	June 30	17:30 22:00	Game 7 Game 8	Group G winners vs Group H runners-up Group H winners vs Group G runners-up	Bordeaux St. Etienne
QUARTER FINALS	July 3	17:30 22:00	Game B Game A	Winner Game 2 vs Winner Game 3 Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 4	St. Denis Nantes
	July 4	17:30 22:00	Game C Game D	Winner Game 5 vs Winner Game 8 Winner Game 6 vs Winner Game 7	Marseille Lyon

SEMI FINALS	July 7	22:00	Winner Game A vs Winner Game C	Marseille
	July 8	22:00	Winner Game B vs Winner Game D	St. Denis
THIRD PLACE PLAYOFF	July 11	22:00	Semifinal losers	Paris
FINAL	July 12	22:00	Semifinal winners	St. Denis

* From June 28, one game in each group will be televised live and the other will be highlighted later.



GOOD AMBASSADOR - Abraham Klein seen when he was still an active referee 1978.

Abraham Klein on 'Seeing Red'

Ofer Ronen-Abels talks with Israel's most distinguished referee about on-the-pitch challenges of France '98

ABRAHAM Klein is regarded as Israel's best-ever soccer referee.

During the 1970s and '80s, Klein officiated in three World Cups, two Olympic Games and many potentially explosive qualifying matches for various big tournaments. Now retired from the pitch, he is an adviser on international relations to the Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Sport as well as being a UEFA referees' observer.

Throughout his international career Klein showed the red card on only two occasions - one of them to Italy's Marco Tardelli for a foul on Diego Maradona in 1982. He became probably Israel's most important ambassador at big tournaments and often earned plaudits from opposing players and coaches and the press. "Abraham restores our faith (in referees)" was a headline in one of the British tabloids during the 1978 World Cup, or "Klein looks tough enough" read another.

From his house on the Carmel in Haifa, Klein points out that in today's modern game his achievements couldn't be easily duplicated, as the requirements on the

modern referee are so much more demanding.

Klein cites the tackle from behind as potentially the most burning issue at the World Cup. While in the past, the tackle from behind saw a referee show either a yellow or red card to the offender, from this World Cup, a red card will be shown for every intentional tackle from behind.

In order to clear up the confusion over the new rule, FIFA recently held a seminar for referees and assistant referees near Paris.

Seventeen red cards were shown at the World Cup in Italy in 1990 and 15 were shown at USA '94, but Klein, who expects a lot more in this summer's tournament, especially in the early stages, justifies the new changes by saying that the rule aims at protecting creative players while punishing negative play. "Players who opt before to commit a 'professional foul' should pay the price for their actions in the same way that players get punished for dangerous or malicious play regardless of where the incident occurs on the pitch. The punishment for that is a sending off." There will be

tremendous pressure on referees not only from the crowd and media but also from FIFA's referee committee who didn't hesitate in the past to send referees back home. A classic example for the ruthlessness of the committee is the famous Swedish referee whose career was destroyed by a mistake he made in the World Cup of 1990, despite officiating in three previous World Cups. "In a football match, a referee makes some 150 decisions, he might get 149 of them correct but he will be remembered and judged by the one he got wrong," says Klein.

To the spectator, many of the laws and interpretation changes of the past few years appear to have been aimed at removing the subjective element of refereeing decisions - to narrow the "margin for error" and thus try to create uniform standards. Klein recognizes the problem around this issue: "Players always test a referee in the beginning of a game in order to see what they can get away with, and it used to be all down to his character." "These days, however, the only recognized area for subjective interpretation, is in regard to diving and/or feigning

which is the worst kind of cheating - getting an opponent sent off." Another change which was introduced recently is the aid that a referee will get from his two assistants who will be wired up - for the first time at a World Cup finals - with beepers which will be used to alert him.

"I don't see most of these changes as such a bad thing," says Klein and he makes the startling observation that perhaps the number of players in a team should be cut down. "In the modern game, with the fitness of all the players, 11 men in one side, in my opinion, is too much." I have seen many games of 10 against 10 which were by far more entertaining," Klein criticizes FIFA's recent change regarding signaling of stoppage time. "I see it as a stupid thing altogether because if time will be wasted or another substitution will be made, more time should be added to what has been signaled, which ultimately adds to the confusion." Klein has written to FIFA in the past suggesting that at least in big tournaments electronic clocks should be introduced like the ones he witnessed in the late '70s when he refereed in the

now-defunct Professional American League, but for this change, we may have to wait a bit longer. Klein expresses a great deal of respect for Dutch referee Mario van der Ende for the authority he commands on the pitch, even though Klein predicts that he will not be using the red card as much as others. He also tips him to officiate either the opening game or the final (that is, if the Netherlands don't qualify of course).

"The new rules may be a bit ahead of their time for referees, as they - as well as players and officials - are still trying to adjust to the changes and their implications. Whether the new adjustments will improve the game or create chaos remains a question which we will have to judge for ourselves in the coming month," Klein concludes.

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France '98 will be the first World Cup tournament offering hard-core fans the possibility of taking their quadrennial soccer addiction on to the World Wide Web.

The official World Cup site at <http://www.france98.com/> has to be the place to kick off your surfing adventures. Serious money has been poured into this mega site which aims to surpass the sports extravaganza of IBM for the 1996 Olympics. Sponsored by Sybase, France Telecom and EDS, the site is expected to handle over 5 million visitors each day during the competition. Over 400,000 screensavers and more than 100,000 video clips have been downloaded since the beginning of the year from the site which is spread over 30 servers and four mirror sites.

One of the site's nice touches is a friendly chat area divided into "chat rooms" representing the various teams, where users can exchange views. The night I tried the site there was another user from Israel - with the name tag Maldini - trying to drum up conversation with someone in the Iran room. There was total silence from the natives as soon as he admitted his nationality.

If you try the chat area, do not forget to head towards the Argentina room now that we can give them some serious *shlick* about our recent 2-1 victory over Baristina and his amigos. The site features some well-designed team pages, with links straight to related news stories. News coverage is a little flat, with AFP providing all the reports. There is also an ample supply of tidbits. I discovered that Lavazza is the "official coffee for the tournament" - so do not be surprised if Italy eventually lifts the cup while other teams suffer the effects of caffeine deprivation.

If, like me, you have wondered why the official mascot looks like a combination of an erudite chicken and the Roadrunner, the site points out that the cartoon is based on the traditional French cockerel and goes on to explain that the "Latin word Gallus means both a cockerel and a Gaul, just in case you ever wondered."

So far the site has concentrated on helping readers prepare for the tournament, but its real promise should be evident once the finals get underway as it is set to provide live coverage of the event by lifting a large amount of content produced by INFO FRANCE 98, the World Cup's related intranet system dedicated to feeding continu-

Location: <http://www.fifa2.com/scripts/runitsa.dll?M2:gp:67175+index/france98.html>

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es to be a place to pick up fast-breaking news, with stories on average being updated every 20 minutes. The equivalent of having your own sports wire agency - overall coverage without the depth.

<http://www.fifa.com/fifa/handbook/wc98/index.regulations.wc98.html>

Fifa's official site has pages on the rules governing the competition for those truly wishing to overdose on information.

<http://www.worldcup.fr>
Practise your French at Coupe de Monde.

<http://www.sky.co.uk/worldcup2/>

Sky's site is rather lame considering how solid their television news coverage has been in the run up to opening day. Coverage is Anglocentric, but one nice touch is the Scoreflash updater just in case you are unlucky enough to be trapped at work during one of the matches.

<http://www.football.guardian.co.uk/>

The UK's *Guardian* newspaper set up one of the most successful sports sites to date for the Euro96 finals. There is little clue as to what they are going to provide for the World Cup but this could be a site to watch, as like the Times there should be no shortage of pointed insight.

In the meantime keep up with the daily coverage at <http://football.guardian.co.uk/football/newsdesk/news.html>.

<http://ESPN.SportsZone.com/soccer/worldcup98/index.html>

AP provides the news material but there is little in-depth content. There are some Avil/Quicktime format video downloads and extensive online betting section at <http://www.vegasinsider.com/guest/arenas/soccer.htm>.

On the whole this is a surprisingly limp affair given that Sportszone excels with its American sports coverage.

<http://cgi.pathfinder.com/time/worldcup/>

Time has set up a feature rich site, with an up-to-date Internet feel and look. Match notes record the action from each game and there is a useful email subscription list feature that allows you to select email news for the team that interests you. Check out their reviews of other sites for additional launch points to World Cup sites. Five stars.

World Wide Cup

Derek Fattal recommends where to find the best web sites

and word processors of the London Times' crew - which includes Rob Hughes and the evergreen Brian Glanville at <http://www.thetimes.co.uk/worldcup/>. An added bonus is an archive of Times World Cup Special articles going back to the beginning of the year. The news section is not quite as good, with significant reliance placed on wire agency material to give the global perspective. Still, if you hunt around the home-bred writers you're sure to find some thought-provoking material.

As to be expected the folks at Yahoo have created a fast and friendly jumping point to the World Cup jamboree at <http://soccer.yahoo.com/wc98/>. The con-

tent is immediately accessible.

Each page is full of links, and informative side bars. In keeping with the tournament's global outlook, Yahoo's site features nine languages.

The site even includes message boards where people try to buy and sell tickets ... so here's your chance to be the victim of a virtual ticket-tout scalping. The news coverage is fairly strong with AFP providing most of the copy, and AP and Reuters play a supporting role. The news gets to you fast, but will the site have the post-match analysis and thought-provoking insights that the surfing punters will need once the tournament opens?

CBS/Sportsline, Daily Mail.

Soccernet have joined to provide the World Cup '98 site at <http://worldcup.soccernet.com>. You can spend days at the site which is packed with information and includes a free Fantasy World Cup game with prizes, and an arcade section featuring penalty shootout and spot the ball. There is lots to do and see, but be warned, it is easy to get lost among its rich content.

It's unclear how hot the CNN/Sports Illustrated contribution to the World Cup will be at <http://www.cnn.com/soccer/worldcup98/worldcup/>.

The site currently has a bare-bones feel, and it remains to be seen to what extent the offerings are fleshed out by the audio and

video elements which CNN is famous for.

Americans will probably feel most comfortable with Sporting Life's online special at <http://www.sportingnews.com/soccer/>. The site has plenty of information on the US side and surfers are never more than a few centimeters of mouse travel away from clicking on navigational buttons that will bring them back to more parochial sports like baseball in the event that they find a *real* World Series too daunting.

Football is not football without humor and there is plenty to be had at the site of the anarchic 'When Saturday Comes' the British satirical soccer magazine at <http://www.wsc.co.uk/wsc/wcindex.html>. Just in case you are traveling during the finals, there is a pub page with world-wide listings where you can watch safely in the company of other drunken lunatics.

Other best bets
<http://www.sportsweb.com/worldcup/index.html>

A clean looking Reuters site. While lacking some of the bells and whistles of the other sites it prom-

So you wanna stand by your man?

It's that soccer leap year again, girls, and we're four years older, if not four years wiser.

Some of us have gotten married since the last World Cup season: some have changed boyfriends; some have kids now old enough to be interested in soccer. But all of us could benefit from a little pep-talk where the upcoming month is concerned. Especially you married ones, who feel as though you're about to be held prisoner in your own home for no apparent reason.

The following is a list of Do's and Don'ts to help you get through the next four weeks:

- DO**
- Buy, borrow or steal another TV - if you currently possess only one.
 - Buy popcorn and beer in large quantities. Every day, prepare the former with love (and a lot of butter), while making sure the latter is in the fridge as early on in the day as possible.
 - Make plans with your friends (particularly those whom your significant other cannot stand, and therefore with whom he never wants to make plans).
 - Take long, hot baths - preferably with aromatic candles, a tape recorder and a glass of chilled wine. (Dreaming about Mel Gibson is optional, though recommended.)
 - Read those books you keep meaning to begin, but never get around to because of *Seinfeld*, or because you fall asleep before turning the first page. Or because your kids do not consider reading-for-pleasure to be a legitimate recreational sport for their mother.
 - Make a list of all of the activities you used to engage in before your man began rolling his eyes heavenward at the very mention of them. Every day, choose a different item on the list to engage in to your heart's content.
 - Take off at any moment, for any

length of time, and not be missed.

- Rent every tear-jerker in the video library - you know, the ones you end up forfeiting when your guy wants to watch *Invaders from Planet X* and *Fatal Force III*.
- Clean out the closets. This is the one time you won't be told: "What?! You're giving away my Bar-Mitzva shirt? But it's in perfect condition!"
- Make up the couch in the shape of a potato.

DON'T

- Get furious at the mess. Popcorn kernels can be vacuumed (or Hoovered, to you non-American Anglos.)
- Let the noise from the box - or the baboons watching it - get to you. This will serve no purpose other than to raise your own blood pressure.
- Get offended that no attention is being paid you. (How can you compete with a leather ball being kicked around a field by a bunch of jocks in heat?)
- Try to make your guy jealous by going out with another man. In the first place, he won't be paying attention; in the second, all the other men around will be equally preoccupied with the games. (Except for the touchy-feely kind, and given the fact that you are in a relationship with a soccer fan, it is unlikely that you go in for the touchy-feely type, anyway.)
- Parade in front of the TV on your way in or out of the room.
- Give in to an inexplicable urge to dust the TV screen.
- Parake of the popcorn and beer, unless you want to feel fat - and frustrated - in the morning.
- Feel sorry for yourself (unless, you partook of the popcorn and beer.) You are a self-sufficient, independent, strong woman of the '90s, with endless interests. And you got through life before meeting him just fine, thank-you-very-much!

'I'm busy now, maybe in a month or so...'

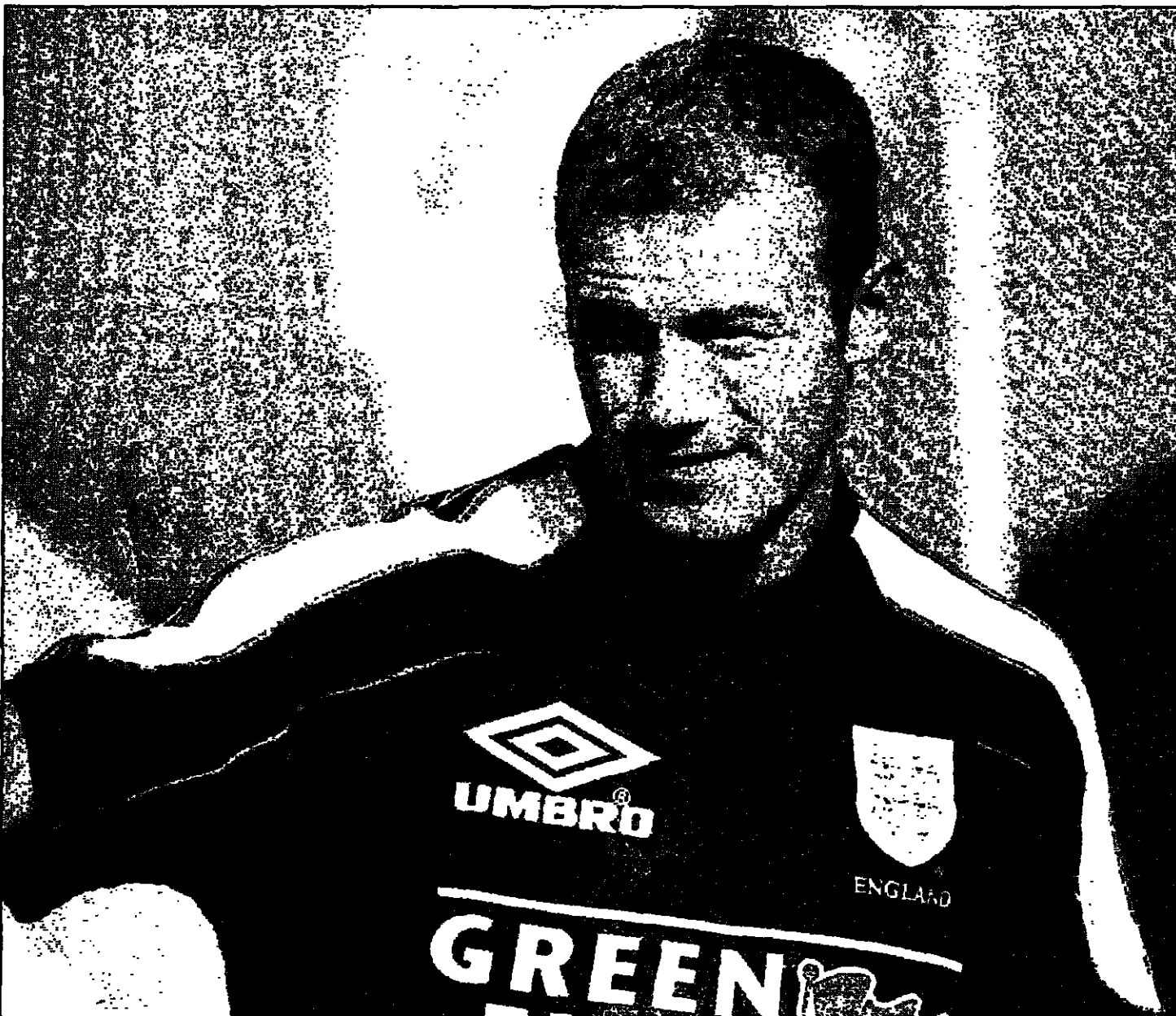
Mark Rivlin examines how football is becoming the leisure icon of the '90s

LONDON - It must be that time of sport's four-yearly cycle again. Those of you with Sky TV will have no doubt noticed the proliferation of advertising based on a World Cup theme. Whether it be Alan Shearer buying a Big Mac, the Brazilian stars playing an ad-hoc game inside an airport or Paul Ince endorsing a certain brand of boot, the public is forced into a France '98 submission.

In Britain over the last few years, a footballing revolution has occurred off the pitch. The infiltration of the middle-class intelligentsia exemplified by writer Nick Hornby and an endless list of politicians jumping on the game's new popularity, has made football the leisure icon of the '90s. The marketing people use this to great effect - never mind the football, we all have to suffer the consequences of the image. Even the left-of-center fanzine movement cannot resist an opportunity to milk the tournament. The popular *When Saturday Comes* fanzine is one of the sponsors of 'United Nations of Football, A Celebration of the People's Game', a one-day festival at the South Bank of poetry reading, music, theatre and up-market quizzes, which will reinforce football's cool image.

It's a far cry from the cloth cap and rattle. The bombardment is endless. In the past week, there have been eight different items of junk mail arriving at this writer's household, each offering the chance of a World Cup ticket as a sweetener for signing up to life insurance, pizza delivery, credit card, easy-term loan and the like.

The white flag of those with a luke-warm attitude to the Beautiful Game is already peering over the trenches of TV sets around the nation. With blanket coverage by BBC and ITV terrestrial channels, there is simply no escape.



MARKETABLE - Alan Shearer will show you how to score goals and eat well.

(Reuters)

approach to the next five weeks' viewing. And sensing the potential family rifts, the BBC is playing the "family card" in its choice of panelists offering expert punditry on the tournament.

Led by the delectable "Mr. Smooth" Des Lynam, undoubtedly the housewives' favorite, the BBC panel will include the pragmatic Alan Hansen alongside dishy David Ginola, who will be immediately recognizable to the adult female population of this country from his advertising of suave cars and expensive shampoo.

Niall Sloane, editor of BBC's World Cup coverage, said last week that David Ginola's inclusion is an attempt to "get away from xenophobia and narrow-mindedness of some of the previous coverage of international football". Rivals ITV with former black players Ruud Gullit and John Barnes on their panel, will be no inferior - until they are forced into one of their many annoying commercial breaks.

Last week Channel Four's investigative program *Dispatches* uncovered the seedy side of World

Cup fever trailing the notorious ticket touts around the world. The program alleged that touting for the tournament is a multi-million dollar business controlled by a few companies who have met the English public's insatiable demand for tickets by buying and selling tickets provided to corporate sponsors and even in some cases, national associations.

So those of us without the requisite £500-plus for some of the plum games will be sweating it out at home armed with the appropriate paraphernalia strategically

placed either on, or within reach of the armchair. With at least two games every night, the children in bed (unless they are old enough to ferry in the dunkable biscuits and teal, curtains drawn and answering phone on, remote control, can of lager, World Cup wall chart, betting slip and lucky t-shirt for England games, life should be uncomplicated bliss. That is, of course, until the final whistle goes in the final itself. Then we will have an agonizing three weeks to wait until the 1998-9 season begins. Outrageous!

Ronaldo aims to fulfill 'next Pele' tag

ROME (AP) — Ronaldo already owns a piece of one World Cup trophy, despite not a minute of playing time at USA '94.

The striker, only 21, has designs on earning a title with Brazil this time around, and is one of a handful of players marked as star material heading into the World Cup.

The tourney is an amalgam of magical plays, yet one player's inspired performance tends to stick out each time: Pele in 1958, Paolo Rossi in 1982, Diego Maradona in 1986.

Italy's Alessandro Del Piero, Chile's Marcelo Salas and England's Alan Shearer could wind up making 1998 theirs.

Talk to players, coaches or soccer officials, though, and one name resurfaces: Ronaldo, known simply as "Phenom" and hailed as the next Pele.

Well-built and blessed with breakaway speed, he averaged nearly a goal per game before this season's record-shattering multi-million dollar move to Internazionale of Milan in the notoriously defensive-minded Italian first division.

After a midseason slump drew criticism from both Brazil coach Mario Zagallo and Inter owner Massimo Moratti, Ronaldo responded with a six-game league scoring streak that temporarily put him atop the scorers' table with 22 goals.

He can power by a defender or slip around slower ones, and his signature free kick is dangerous. His enormous potential, evident four years ago, earned him a roster spot at the age of 17. But he saw no action.

When Ronaldo accepted his unprecedented

second straight FIFA Player of the Year Award in January, Pele handed him the trophy.

The symbolism could not have been more obvious.

Del Piero and Salas, both under 25, also are part of the wave of fresh talent to be displayed in France.

The Italian has enjoyed a career season for Juventus of Turin with 31 goals, including a tournament-high nine in Champions Cup play. Del Piero, who is particularly dangerous when he has the ball atop the left edge of the penalty area, is comfortable as a scorer or a creator.

"The biggest difference for me this year is I have been healthy," said Del Piero, who bulked up considerably last year during the off-season. "Staying in the lineup has allowed me to have a continuity that was missing."

Though he recently went through a scoring slump, Salas plays with a fierce nose for the net and has shown a knack for producing on the big stage — as English fans well know. "The Matador," as Chileans call him, scored both goals in a 2-0 exhibition victory at Wembley in February.

Shearer missed that match, just as he sat out most of the past year with a shattered ankle. But the Newcastle striker is capable of reproducing the sort of show he had at the 1996 European Championship, when he was the leading scorer with six goals.

Others who could provide highlights at France '98 include Roberto Carlos, a Brazilian defender known for his violent, swerving free kicks; Dutch striker Dennis Bergkamp, who's experienced a rebirth while leading Arsenal to

the top of the Premier League; Paraguayan keeper Jose Chilavert, liable to leave his net to make attacking runs or to take spot kicks; or South African strikers Phil Masinga and Benni McCarthy, both capable of scoring in bunches.

McCarthy, a 20-year-old with Dutch club Ajax Amsterdam, certainly has a star's mentality, saying of his World Cup debut: "I want to score an outrageous goal that people will remember for years."

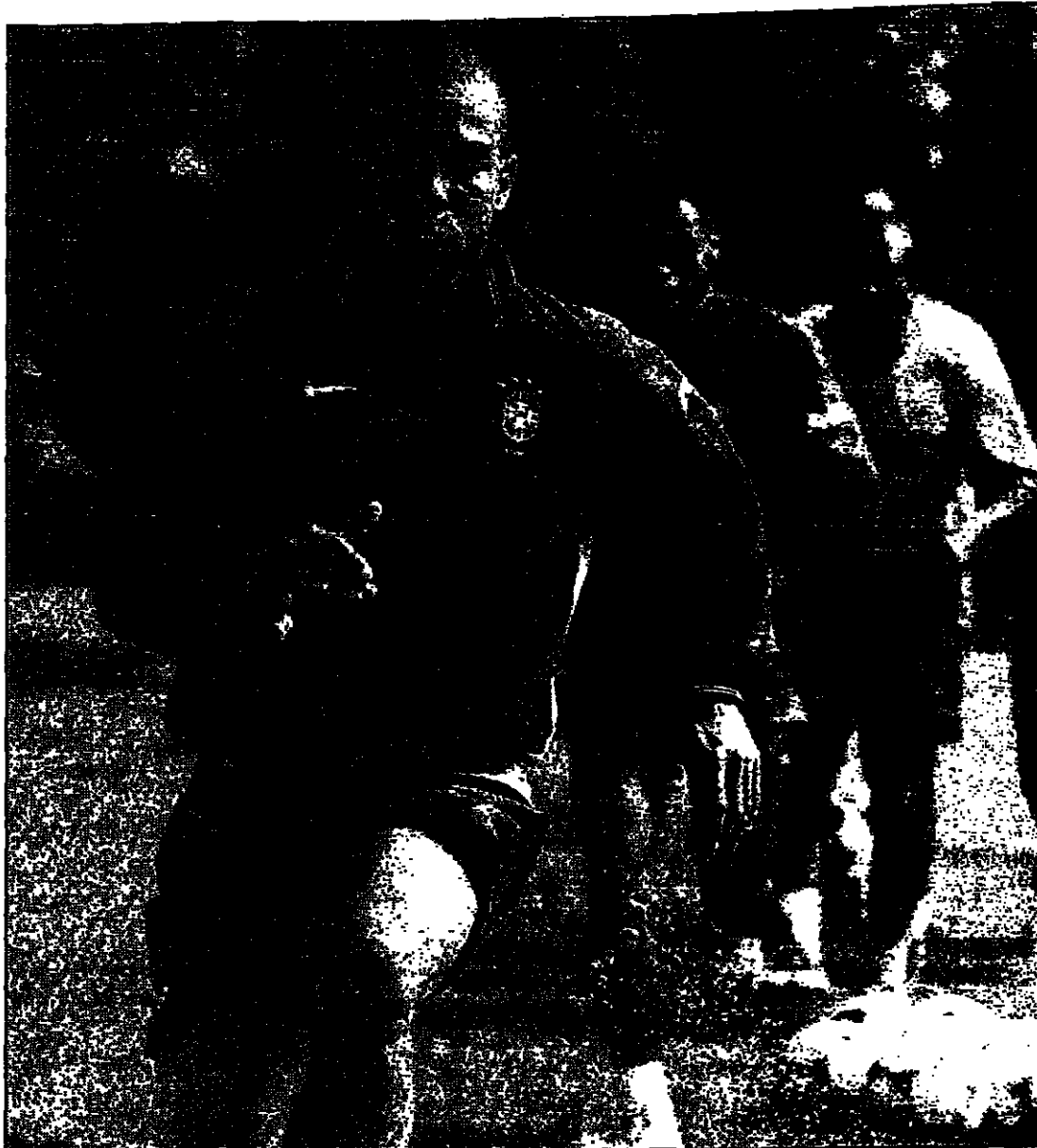
Claudio Reyna, a playmaking midfielder for the United States, could also make an impression, as could Colombia's flashy forward Faustino Asprilla, whose entire team disappointed four years ago.

Some familiar faces could emerge with farewell highlights, including Gabriel Batistuta of Argentina or Mexican keeper Jorge Campos, whose style of play is as outrageous as the technicolor jerseys he designs and dons.

While Maradona's final World Cup appearance ended in disgrace — kicked out of the 1994 event for a positive drug test — one of his heirs, talent-wise, hoped for a last chance in the spotlight.

Roberto Baggio's star turn, firing five goals in three games, carried Italy to the 1994 final. But his last kick of the tournament was a shootout penalty that flew over the crossbar, giving Brazil the crown.

Now 31 and slowed by a series of leg injuries, Baggio has netted 20 goals for Serie A club Bologna in a push to return to Italy's roster. "In a tough tournament such as the World Cup," he said, "I think I still could be useful." On this stage, a star is always useful.



LEADER OF THE PACK — Ronaldo trains with the Brazilian team.

(Reuters)

Owen bandwagon picks up speed

LONDON (Reuters) — If Glenn Hoddle was hoping to keep Michael Owen as England's secret weapon in the World Cup, the 18-year-old Liverpool striker's first goal for his country has blown that plan to pieces.

More ominously, the goal in Casablanca also turned up the heat on a manager already ridiculed by the tabloids for putting a faith healer at the disposal of his players.

Hoddle, well aware of past bitterness between England soccer managers and the media, says he does not read the newspapers.

Were he to have picked up on recent days, he would be deafened by the roar of praise for the clean-cut youngster and a rumbling of unease about team tactics.

Owen's confident 59th-minute goal against Morocco recently as England won 1-0 made him the youngest man ever to score for England, drew comparisons with the emergence of Geoff Hurst in 1966 and gave a hefty push to the "Owen must start" bandwagon.

Until now, Alan Shearer and Teddy Sheringham have been England's first-choice strike partnership.

However Manchester United's Sheringham has been off-form of late and calls for Owen to replace him in the starting line-up have become more insistent.

"Owen is on top form and is easily the most consistent striker in the Premiership," said Hurst, England's hat-trick hero of the 1966 final after breaking into the squad in the year before the tournament.



YOUNGBLOOD — England's Michael Owen.

(Reuters)

"His pace is electric and he frightens defenders. If I were Glenn, I'd definitely start with him."

Trevor Francis, another great goalscorer for England in his day, said Owen was the best striker in

the country at the moment, better than Shearer.

Italy coach Cesare Maldini and Pele, showing that Owen's cover has been well and truly blown, were both cited by newspapers as

talking extravagantly about him.

"Owen is ready for the World Cup. He has proved himself. If he is good enough, he is old enough," said Pele, who played for Brazil in the World Cup as a 17-year-old.

An internet poll of 2,000 fans by Carling, the Premier League sponsors, gave Owen a rating of 93.7 percent, behind Shearer on 97.4 but ahead of Sheringham on 75.0.

Amid all the praise, there were also fears Hoddle had yet to be fully convinced Owen was ready for anything more than a role as super-substitute in the finals.

"There seems to be only one man in this country who doesn't believe Michael Owen warrants a place in England's starting line-up for the World Cup finals," declared the Sun in an open letter to Hoddle.

The newspaper, having declared Hoddle to be "virtually isolated," said the manager would be committing an act "tantamount to treason" if Owen was not a starter.

The Daily Mail said Hoddle "continues to prevaricate over his potential World Cup winner like a surly bridegroom at a shotgun wedding." Owen was simply "God's gift to English football."

The unease dates from comments Hoddle made in March when he said Owen was "not a natural goalscorer."

"When I said Michael wasn't a natural goalscorer, it was because I was thinking of Gerd Muller, Gary Lineker and Ian Rush, people who kept on scoring season after season. He will become one, I think, but he isn't one at the moment."

Fontaine's record looks daunting 40 years later

PARIS (AP) — A lot will happen at the biggest ever World Cup, but just Fontaine need not worry. Just yet. Despite Ronaldo, Batistuta, Shearer and a slew of other prolific strikers, it is unlikely his record of 13 goals in one World Cup tournament will fall.

Sixty years after setting the record at the 1958 World Cup in Sweden, Fontaine is a star all over again. "I'd better enjoy it, because the next time it's in France, I'll be in my coffin," the 64-year-old Frenchman said.

It is also increasingly likely his record like that will survive him.

No one has come close since and the top-scoring title is now regularly going to a striker who gets a half dozen goals.

And to think he wasn't even considered the best French forward going into the 1958 tournament, where France lost to eventual champion Brazil in the semifinals. He even scored them all with a pair of soccer boots on loan because his shoes fell apart days ahead of the finals.

And even with million-dollar apparel endorsement deals and custom-made shoes, Fontaine knows no one will get close to him because of three reasons.

First of all, "in my days the record didn't mean a

thing. No reward, no golden boot, nothing whatsoever. Up to the point that during the last game I didn't even shoot the penalty. Just didn't think of it. So there was no pressure," he said.

Now, being top scorer has become one of the most prestigious titles at the World Cup.

Secondly, it means scoring almost two goals a game, with the final four teams playing seven matches over the 32 days of competition. "In days like these you cannot be optimistic. How could you be optimistic?"

Third, and perhaps the most convincing argument, is a defender's knowledge of the striker.

Six months ahead of the World Cup, Fontaine needed surgery and, for his comeback, he was a mere substitute. "So, no one knew me," he said. "And by the time they knew me, it was all over."

Now, there is not a defender at the World Cup who doesn't know every move of Ronaldo. There is not a single coach who doesn't have a strategy to contain him. They might not stop him totally, but allowing him to score 13 goals in seven games?

"In my time, teams didn't even have spies to check out opponents," said Fontaine. Now, every match is scouted and some coaches spend weekend sitting video sessions of all potential opponents.

So, what was his secret? "You had to snuff where the ball would end up and allow you to score."

World Cup '94 — Great tournament, shame about final

LONDON (Reuters) — The 1994 World Cup was a memorable tournament spoiled by a forgettable final.

Brazil beat Italy in a penalty shoot-out after the first goalless final in World Cup history.

The last act saw Roberto Baggio blaze the final penalty high over the bar to hand the trophy to Brazil for an unprecedented fourth time.

It was a cruel end for Baggio, who had almost single-handedly dragged Italy to the final with a series of last-gasp goals.

His inclusion in the squad for France '98 gives him the chance to exorcise the ghost of Pasadena.

The final apart, the '94 tournament proved a bigger success than any of the US hyperbolic advance publicity could have forecast.

Curious US citizens turned up in droves to packed stadiums to find out what it was the rest of the world saw in this sport.

Attendances for the 52 games topped 3.5 million — far more than will watch the 64 games in France.

Despite kickoff times that sometimes had teams playing in scorching 40 degrees C temperatures, the soccer was mostly scintillating. But two Latin American shadows loomed large over the competition, one sad, the other tragic.

Diego Maradona's positive test after taking a drugs cocktail was just another low point in the Argentine captain's crazy roller-coaster career.

The much less celebrated Andres Escobar may have had only two minor flaws — to score an unfortunate own goal in Colombia's shock defeat by the United States and to hail from his country's drugs and crime capital of Medellin.

But the combination proved fatal when the defender was shot dead in the street on his return home.

Colombia, trumpeted as potential champions by Pele, were the



Uncle Sam welcomes 'that strange sport' to America's shores; and (right) Romario, who was dropped from Brazil's 1998 team due to injury, holds aloft the World Cup trophy after a penalty shoot-out win over Italy in the 1994 final.

(Reuters)

first team to be knocked out. But subsequent revelations of death threats went some way to explaining their sorry show.

After six World Cups and 17 matches without a single win, Bulgaria clicked on to the winning habit at last and enjoyed it so much they stunned champions

Germany to become surprise semifinalists — and victims of a brilliant two-goal Baggio.

The Romanians played soccer as if it were a symphony conducted by maestro Gheorghe Hagi with virtuosos solos from Florin Raducioiu and Ilie Dumitrescu.

Their joyous progress was halted

by Sweden's veteran goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli, who made two great saves in a penalty shoot-out to put his team into the last four.

Europe provided seven of the eight quarter-final places as Africa faltered.

Their strongest side, Nigeria, lost their nerve when it mattered

and became late Baggio victims as they went down to Italy in the second round.

Cameroun's contribution was to be on the receiving end of a 6-1 defeat by Russia in which Oleg Salenko scored five goals, a record for the finals.

Saudi Arabia struck a blow for

Asia by beating Belgium and South Korea unnerved both Germany and Spain with, ultimately, fruitless, second-half comebacks.

The American hosts played above expectations before going down 1-0 to 10-man Brazil in the second round.

There were some classic games

— Brazil's 3-2 win over the Dutch and Romania's victory over Argentina by the same score — and some dazzling goals from Romario, Baggio, Saeed Al-Owairan, Sweden's Martin Dahlin and Juergen Klinsmann of Germany.

Too bad about the final.

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Reds top Indians in Ohio derby

CINCINNATI (AP) — The start of interleague play's second season was a huge hit in Cincinnati and a box office bust for Tampa Bay.

The Reds' 2-1 intrastate victory over the Cleveland Indians on Friday night drew a crowd of 43,532, the largest at Cinergy Field since opening day. The attendance was boosted by thousands of fans who made the four-hour drive from Cleveland, where Jacobs Field is sold out for the season.

It was a far different scene in St.

Managers take the rap

NEW YORK — American League President Gene Budig put the blame for Tuesday's brawl between the Anaheim Angels and Kansas City Royals primarily on the managers of the two clubs. Angels manager Terry Collins and Royals field boss Tony Muser each were given eight-game suspensions by Budig for their part in two benches-clearing incidents that resulted in 12 ejections.

Petersburg, Fla., where Montreal beat Tampa Bay 5-2 before the smallest crowd ever at Tropicana Field. After averaging 31,396 in their first 26 home games, the expansion Devil Rays drew only 24,025 for their first regular-season game against a National League opponent.

Cubs 6, White Sox 5 (12) — Brant Brown hit a leadoff homer in the 12th as the Cubs beat the White Sox in their first official meeting at Wrigley Field. Not since Game 5 of the 1906 World Series had the teams met at a Cubs park in a non-ceremonial game. The White Sox won that game 8-6 at West Side Grounds.

Pirates 6, Twins 1 — Jermaine Allenworth hit a tiebreaking two-run single and rookie Jose Silva pitched a five-hitter as host Pittsburgh won its sixth straight.

Reds 2, Indians 1

Pete Harnisch pitched seven strong innings and Lanny Harris RBI groundout in the seventh proved to be the winning win. Harnisch (6-1) allowed four hits and one run, a homer by Jim Thome in the sixth.

Expos 5, Devil Rays 2 — Brad Fullmer and Vladimir Guerrero hit two-run homers as Montreal won its third consecutive road game.

Orioles 3, Braves 2 — Scott Erickson pitched a seven-inning shutout as Baltimore hit three homers off Danny Neagle to beat Atlanta for the fourth straight time.

Mets 9, Red Sox 2 — In their first meeting at Fenway Park since the 1986 World Series, the Mets hit four long homers off Pedro Martinez. Martinez (6-2) had his worst outing of the season, giving up 400-foot plus homers to Alberto Castillo, John Olerud, Luis Lopez, and Bernard Gilkey.

Phillies 8, Blue Jays 7 — Philadelphia held off the Blue Jays in its first game at SkyDome since losing the deciding sixth game of the 1993 World Series.

Yankees 5, Marlins 1 — Darryl Strawberry homered to snap a seventh-inning tie, and Andy Pettitte pitched a five-hitter as New York won the matchup

between baseball's best and worst teams. The Yankees won their fifth straight, while the visiting Marlins lost their ninth in a row. Strawberry's ninth homer of the season and Chuck Knoblauch's RBI single in the seventh won for the Yankees.

Royals 3, Astros 0 — Tim Lincecum pitched eight shutout innings at Houston and won for the fourth time in five decisions. He scattered seven hits and allowed only one runner to reach third base.

Brewers 7, Tigers 3 — Marquis Grissom drove in three runs and Cal Eldred pitched 5 1/2 effective innings as host Milwaukee beat its former AL rival.

Rangers 8, Padres 7 — Juan Gonzalez hit his 19th homer and had three RBIs to boost his major league-leading total to 76.

Angels 5, Rockies 0 — Jason Dickson pitched 7 1/2 shutout innings as Anaheim won its sixth straight. Dickson (5-4), who had been relegated to the bullpen after a shaky start this season, limited visiting Colorado to five singles.

Cecil Fielder hit two homers and Gary DiSarcina had three hits for the Angels

Mariners 4, Dodgers 0 — Bill Swift and two relievers combined on a nine-hit shutout as host Seattle snapped a four-game losing streak.

Athletics 2, Diamondbacks 1 — Mike Blowers singled in the tying run in the ninth and drove in the game-winner with a bases-loaded single in the 11th. Mike Moberg (1-2) got the victory with an inning of scoreless relief.

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Atlanta	42	19	.689	—
New York	32	23	.582	7
Philadelphia	27	30	.474	13
Montreal	23	36	.390	18
Florida	17	42	.288	24
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Chicago	35	24	.593	—
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San Francisco	37	24	.607	—
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Cleveland	35	24	.593	—
Minnesota	35	24	.593	—
Chicago	24	34	.414	10 1/2
Kansas City	22	36	.379	12 1/2
Detroit	21	35	.375	12 1/2
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Seattle	36	23	.610	—
Anaheim	32	26	.552	3 1/2
Seattle	21	33	.390	9 1/2
Oakland	25	33	.431	10 1/2

THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS: San Diego 5, Houston 1; Colorado 5, Arizona 2; Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 2. Only games scheduled.

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Red Wings top Stars, advance to finals



DETROIT — The Stanley Cup will go to Detroit again.

Larry Murphy and Sergei Fedorov scored and Chris Osgood notched his fifth career playoff shutout as the Red Wings defeated the Dallas Stars 2-0 Friday night to wrap up the Western Conference side in six games.

The defending Stanley Cup champions advanced to the finals for the third time in four years. Detroit will open the best-of-7 championship series Tuesday night against the Eastern Conference champion Washington Capitals at Joe Louis Arena.

Washington advanced to the finals by beating the Buffalo Sabres 3-2 in overtime on Thursday to win the Eastern Conference series four

games to two.

The Stars won the Presidents' Trophy for having the best record in the NHL during the regular season (49-22-11), and had the best road record at 23-14-4. Still, the Red Wings were 2-1-2 against Dallas during the regular season and the Stars now are just 1-17-2 in their 20 visits to Joe Louis Arena since the franchise moved from Minnesota.

Yet if any one thing did Dallas in during the conference finals, it probably was the disappearance of its power play. The Stars were just 1-for-30 with the man advantage during the series with Detroit, and 0-for-5 in the sixth and deciding game.

And the Red Wings only added to Dallas' frustration by opening the scoring with a shorthanded goal, their second of the series.

With a few seconds left in Kris

Draper's roughing penalty, Steve Yzerman snared a loose puck and slid it over to Darren McCarty near center ice. McCarty hurried over the blue line, turned at the left circle and fed the puck to Murphy, who had a step on Dallas defenseman Sergei Zubov.

Murphy faked Ed Belfour toward the right side of the net, then flipped a backhand over the goalie's stick for a shorthanded goal and 1-0 lead at 6:20 of the first period.

Fedorov scored his first goal in eight games, since the second-round series with St. Louis, on a no-look shot from the top of the slot. Fedorov, who leads the NHL with nine playoff goals, seemed to catch Belfour by surprise for a 2-0 lead 1:48 into the second period.

The Stars came alive after that. But then it was Detroit goalie Chris Osgood's turn to shine.

Cork shines against SA

BIRMINGHAM (Reuters) — Excellent seam bowling by Dominic Cork tightened England's grip on the first Test against South Africa at Edgbaston yesterday.

South Africa, replying to England's first innings 462, were 192 for five at the close of the third day.

Cork dismissed both openers in his first seven overs and returned later to remove Jacques Kallis (61) and captain Hansie Cronje as the touring team slipped from 119 for two to 125 for four.

Darryl Cullinan remained the greatest obstacle between England's bowlers and the South African tail until Angus Fraser hit his off stump via an inside edge five balls before the close. He made 78.

In partnership with Jonny Rhodes (36 not out), Cullinan

added 66 for the fifth wicket to take South Africa to within 71 of the follow-on target.

Cork responded to the loss of Darren Gough with a broken finger with typical ebullience and great skill to finish the day with four for 52 from 23 overs.

South Africa won the toss England, 1st Innings, 462 South Africa, 1st Innings
 Gary Kirsten c Butcher b Cork 12
 G. Labuschagne c b Cork 3
 J. Kallis c Stewart b Cork 81
 Darryl Cullinan b Fraser 78
 Hansie Cronje c sub b Cork 1
 Jonny Rhodes not out 36
 Shaun Pollock not out 0
 Extras (1nb) 1
 TOTAL: 192 for five
 Fall of wickets: 6, 38, 119, 125, 191.
 To bat: Mark Boucher, Lance Klusener, Paul Adams, Alan Donald.
 Bowling: Angus Fraser 21-4-50-1 (1nb), Dominic Cork 23-6-52-4, Mark Ealham 12-2-34-0, Robert Croft 18-2-14-0.
 Batting time: 309 minutes. Overs: 75.2
 Substitute fielder: Ben Spence

Aussies inflict England's worst rugby union defeat

BRISBANE (AP) — England suffered their heaviest defeat in 127 years of international rugby union yesterday when they were soundly thrashed 76-0 by Australia.

The Wallabies ran in 11 tries and booted nine goals to humiliate an understrength English side by a record margin.

Australia's total was two points more than their previous biggest tally of 74 against Canada in 1996, while the victory margin bettered their 70-point win over Western Samoa in 1994.

For England, the defeat was their worst since 1871. England's heaviest loss before yesterday's match was their 27-point defeat by Scotland in 1986.

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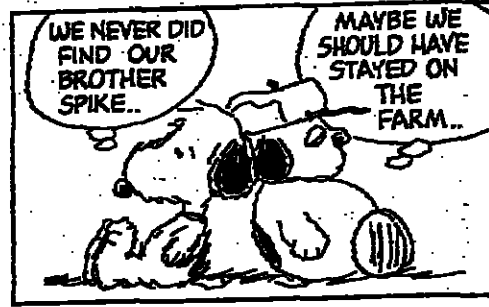
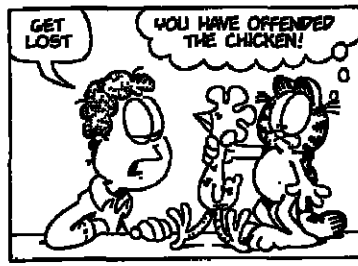
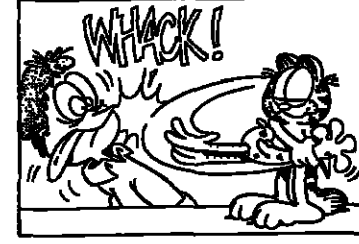
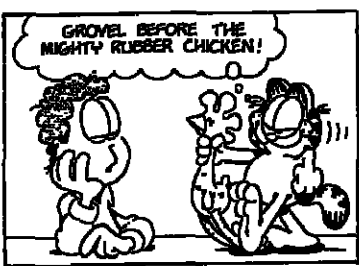
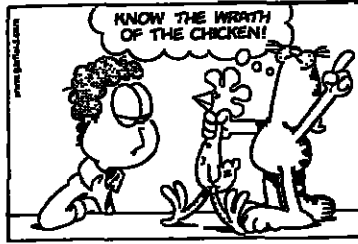
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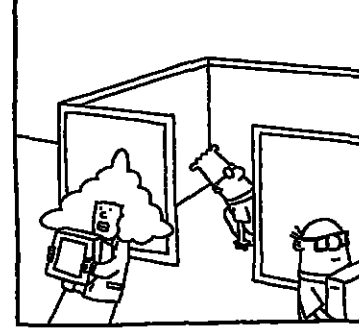
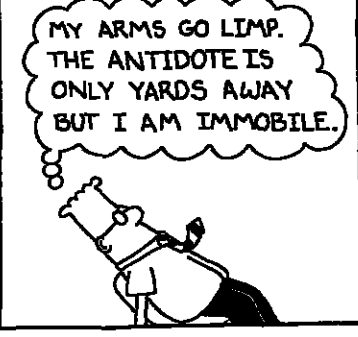
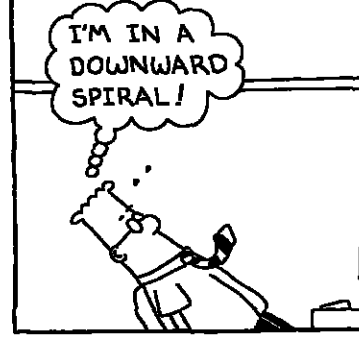
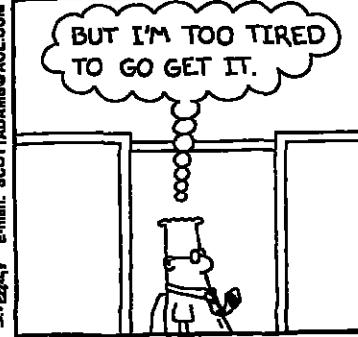
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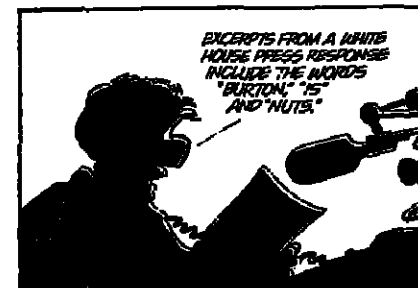
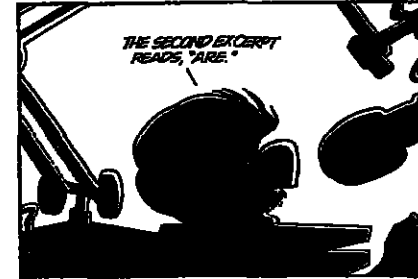
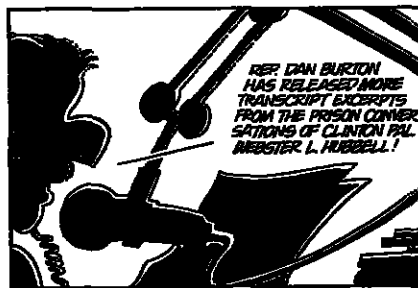
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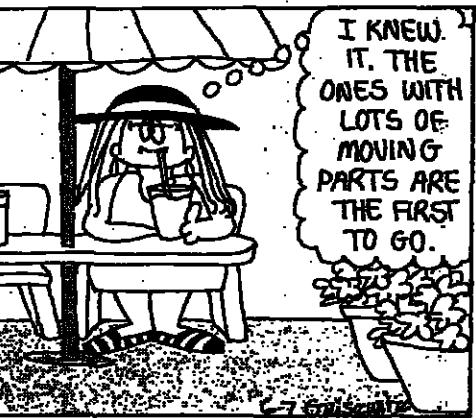
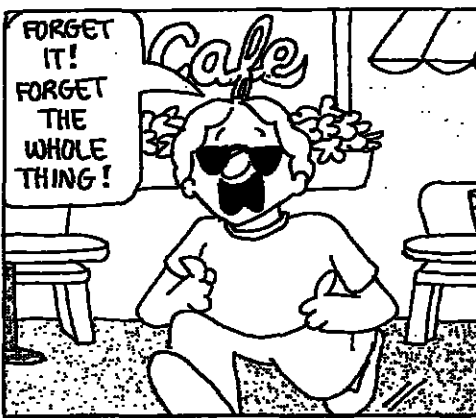
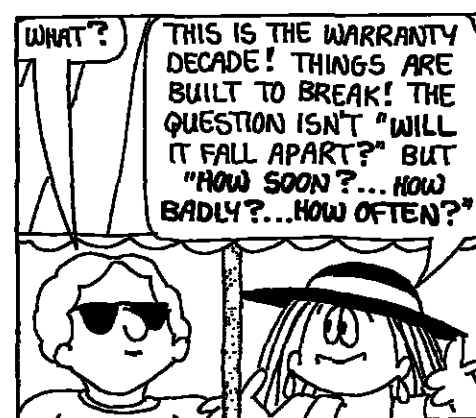
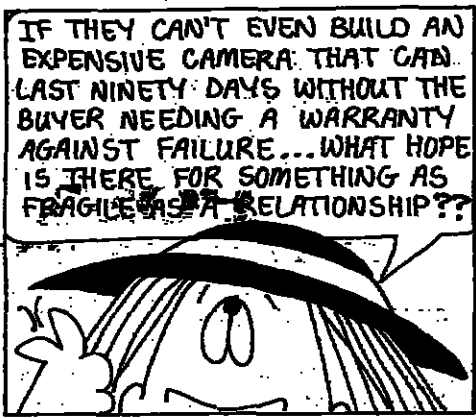
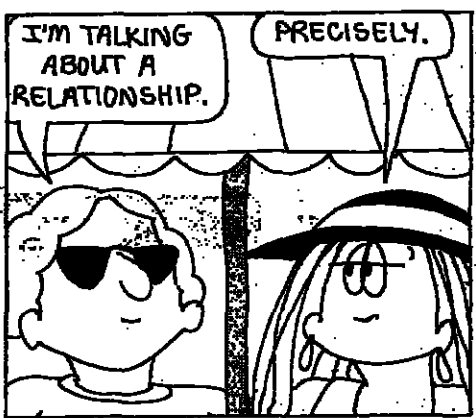
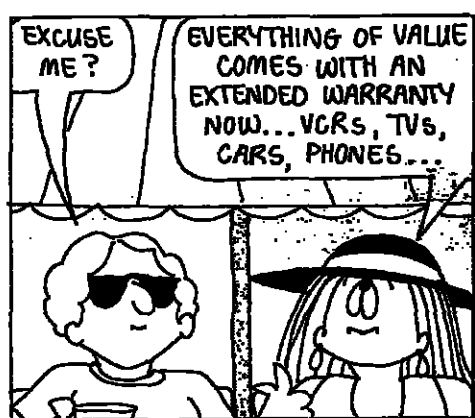
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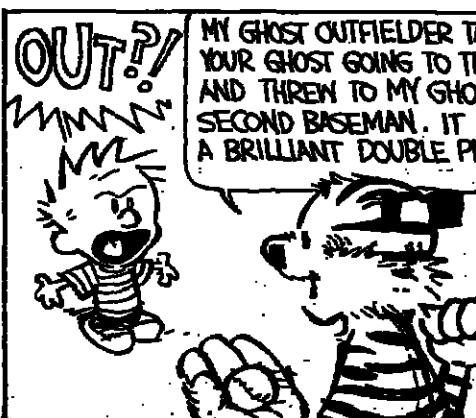
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BOSTON (AP) — Tim Lincecum allowed one hit in eight innings, but a disputed balk cost him the game as the New York Mets, behind a four-hitter by Bobby Jones and John Franco, beat the Boston Red Sox 1-0 yesterday.

Wakefield gave up just one walk, to Brian McRae starting the sixth inning. That began the chain of events that led to New York's second straight win after a three-game losing streak.

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Bernard Gilkey followed the walk by striking out, but McRae stole second and took third on Olerud's groundout to first baseman Mo Vaughn.

With Butch Huskey at the plate, McRae took several steps toward home plate, drawing the attention of Wakefield, who apparently had started his windup and then stopped. Home-plate umpire Terry Craft called a bal.

Cubs 7, White Sox 6

Pinch-hitter Derrick White hit his first homer in five years and Sammy Sosa hit his ninth in eight games, leading the host Cubs to their eighth straight win over the crosstown White Sox.

Braves 10, Orioles 5

Javy Lopez homered in a four-run, first inning against Mike Mussina, and visiting Atlanta breezed past Baltimore, their first win against the Orioles in five interleague games over two years.



SALT LAKE CITY (AP) —

Hold the obituary. The Chicago Bulls are very much alive. Just when

it was being shovelled into the coffin of the team that won five championships in the '90s, the Bulls won Game 2 of the finals, beating the Utah

Jazz 93-88 Friday night with defense and rebounding, the basics of the game.

"If that's what they consider being dead, I don't mind being dead a little while longer," Michael Jordan said. The best-of-7 series, tied 1-1, moves to Chicago's United Center for the next three games, beginning with Game 3 tonight.

If Karl Malone doesn't pull out of his inexplicable shooting slump, the Jazz hopes could expire in Chicago.

"We can't win the series if I don't play better. That's the fact," he said. Malone was 5-for-16 from the field — 0-for-4 in the second half — leaving him an ugly 14-for-41 for the series (34 percent). He finished with 16 points. "In life, if there's one time that you want to have excuses, this would be my time to make up some," he said, "but I don't have any. I'm just not playing well right now, and it's come at an unfortunate time."

Jordan labored long and hard for his 37 points, putting up 33 shots and making just 14 of them. But he had a crucial three-point play to give his team the lead with 47 seconds to play, then made three of four free throws the rest of the way to ice the victory. He was 9-for-10 from the foul line.

The Bulls had lost four playoff road games in a row by a combined 10 points, and they were down 86-85 when Utah's Jeff Hornacek sank a 3-pointer with 1:46 to play. For almost a minute, neither team could score, then the game's biggest play came from the Bulls' smallest player, Steve Kerr, on an offensive rebound, no less.

Kerr missed an open 3-pointer, but scrambled to grab Chicago's 18th offensive rebound of the game. He tossed the ball to Jordan, who scored and was fouled by John Stockton. Jordan completed the three-point play to put the Jazz up 88-86 with 47 seconds remaining.

Malone missed for the last time and Dennis Rodman grabbed his ninth rebound of the second half. The Jazz fouled Kerr, Chicago's best free-throw shooter, and he made them both to put the bulls up 90-86. Jordan's free throws settled things for good.

From the start, this was a much more aggressive Chicago team than the one that lost to the Jazz 88-85 in overtime in Game 1 Wednesday night. The Bulls took it to the Jazz on offense, repeatedly driving to the basket for layups, and used a crisp, smooth, rotating defense to disrupt Utah's trademark pick-and-roll play all night. "We made them go away from what their strengths are," Chicago coach Phil Jackson said.

By halftime, Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Toni Kukoc had 40 of the Bulls' 50 points, and Chicago led 50-46 at the half.

"The ball game was decided in the first part of the game, in my opinion," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said. "When Kukoc drove around us and went to the basket like we weren't on the floor, that tells you we weren't ready to compete. We came out very soft, and they were the aggressors. You're not going to win if you're not aggressive."

Despite Sloan's assessment,



OUT OF REACH — Utah's Karl Malone fails to swat the ball away from Bulls' Dennis Rodman.

(Reuters)

Utah rallied to take the lead several times in the second half. But mistakes and lousy shooting in the fourth quarter ruined any chance the Jazz would go up 2-0 against the mighty Bulls. The Jazz committed 20 turnovers, seven in the fourth quarter. After shooting just under 56 percent through three quarters, Utah was 4-for-15 from

the field in the final period. Pippen scored 21. Kukoc had 13, all in the first half. Hornacek's 20-point performance, his second-highest scoring game of this year's playoffs, kept Utah in the game until the finish. With Luc Longley in foul trouble, Rodman guarded Malone most of the second half. "If they let us play, I can play Karl

Malone any day of the week," Rodman said. Five of Rodman's nine rebounds were at the offensive end, and he even made a 17-foot jumper to tie the game 74-74 with 8:06 to play. Stockton, who had 24 points and eight assists in Game 1, was 4-for-5 from the field for nine points and seven assists.

Now their coveted home-court advantage is gone. "I'm anxious to see how we come back," Sloan said. "It's interesting to see what a little adversity does to your team. I think we're pretty competitive. Maybe we'll come back and play pretty hard going in there. We have to. Otherwise, we go home."

Sanchez Vicario wins French Open

Now it's Teddy's turn

By HENRY WINTER

PARIS (AP) — Arantxa Sanchez Vicario won the French Open for the third time yesterday, defeating Monica Seles 7-6 (7-5), 0-6, 6-2.

The victory spoiled what would have been a fairy-tale ending for Seles, who was playing just three

weeks after the death of her father, coach and mentor, Karol Seles.

It was the first Grand Slam title for the Spaniard since the 1994 US Open.

The emotional favorite was clearly Seles, who had recaptured

her old form so soon after her father's death. Sanchez Vicario mentioned the death while accepting her trophy, saying, "I'm so sorry I beat you. I don't think you are the one who deserved to lose."

Seles also saluted her opponent, and added: "This has been so special coming back this year. As always, I will be back." Sanchez Vicario depended on her ability to run down almost any shot, and it served her well. But she also took advantage of errors by Seles in the first and third sets.

The players fought through an extremely tight first set, and Sanchez Vicario won it by the tightest of margins: 7-5 in the tiebreaker. But Seles came back with a vengeance in the second set, storming to a 5-0 lead in 18 minutes. Losing badly, Sanchez Vicario elected to take a bathroom break, but it didn't help; Seles closed out the set with a love game, ending with an ace.

But in the third set, the errors started creeping back into Seles' game. She let Sanchez Vicario

come back from 15-40 on her serve to win the first game and stop Seles' streak.

Seles had eight unforced errors in that set's first three games; she had only five in the entire second set.

Sanchez Vicario's victory assured a Spanish sweep this year, the first since 1994. Both men's finalists are from Spain.

Men's finals Carlos Moya went out with buddy Felix Mantilla for ice cream before clobbering him in the semi-finals. Now Moya is making dinner plans with another close friend, Alex Corretja, whom he'll face today.

"Maybe we can have dinner together. We're going to be friends even if I win or if he wins," Corretja said. "We have to find our game on the court, and then just enjoy the party."

On a muggy center court Friday, Corretja defeated local hero Cedric Pioline of France 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 to join Moya in the final. Moya won 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 over Mantilla, yet another Spaniard.

LONDON (The Daily Telegraph) — Teddy Sheringham was strongly admonished by Glenn Hoddle yesterday, following newspaper photographs of the England forward carousing in a nightclub on Friday in La Manga, Portugal. The photo showed him with a woman around his arm and a cigarette dangling from his mouth. Despite the understandable fuss that has ensued, there is no question of Alan Shearer's striking partner being dropped from Hoddle's World Cup squad.

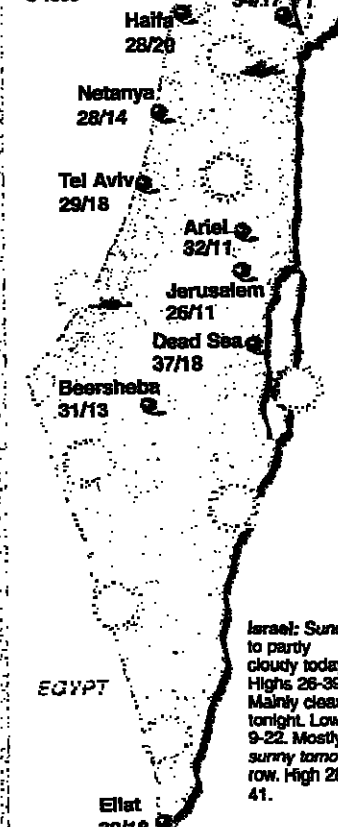
Sheringham, said to be suitably penitent, will train with the rest of England's 22 at Bisham Abbey. Although the desire within the England camp is to address the matter quickly, so underlining Hoddle's authority, an air of caution pervaded yesterday pending any further developments in the tabloids. If the all-clear sounds today, Hoddle can voice his disapproval of Sheringham's night out while stressing that the Manchester United player remains part of his plans. For a footballer noted for his vision, Sheringham should have seen this trouble coming. To go out drinking on the eve of the World Cup was naive indeed, particularly in the wake of Hoddle's stance over a boozy Paul Gascoigne, not to mention the coach's oft-repeated warnings of the need for good behavior while associated with England. The incident brings into question not so much the state of Sheringham's body but the state of his mind. This was thick.

Hoddle's irritation yesterday was inevitable. All the players had been informed they would be trailed by photographers during the three-day break between La Manga and Burnham, that standards must be maintained at all times. Sir Bobby Charlton articulated the widespread disapproval of Sheringham. "I am really disappointed about Teddy and I hope he feels suitably embarrassed," said the former World Cup winner and current director of United. "He has been given the responsibility of being one of our 22 players for the World Cup but is just not acting his age."

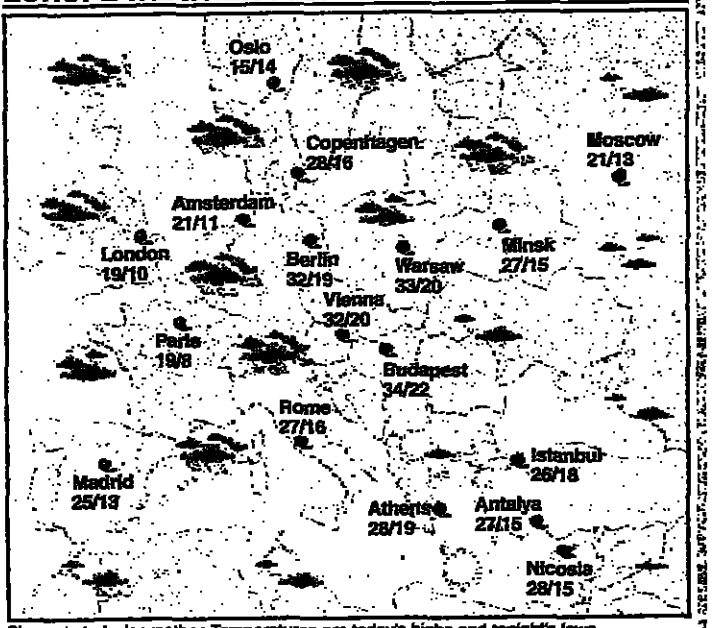
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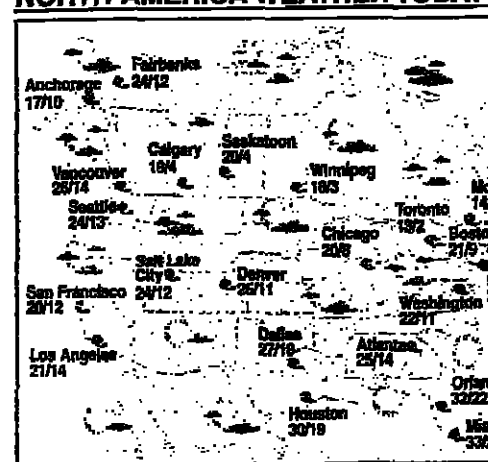
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